

ANDOVER TOWNSMAN

It's a small world after all

Shawsheen School retains intimacy despite growth spurt

By Rebecca Lipchitz

Any visitor to the Shawsheen School can quickly tell it is a world tailor-made for small people. The chairs and tables are small. The rooms are small. The coats hanging on the wall are small.

But the bright yellow stars and other lovingly handcrafted displays abundantly pasted up inside and outside classrooms are not so small. And according to many parents and volunteers at the school, the hearts are big as well.

They have to be, because according to Principal Theresa Murphy, the building itself isn't expanding. The school now holds 293 students in its main K-2 primary program and 38 students in a preschool program that uses a portion of the building.

That is the most it can handle while still fulfilling its mission — providing a cohesive, integrated curriculum.

While it was originally created partly to relieve a space crunch at other elementary schools, Shawsheen primary has always been a choice school. Three years ago attained "magnet" school status, which allows administrators to limit enrollment, an authority not granted to neighborhood schools where students are assigned.

Magnet school status also allows administration

to draft students from other schools to keep enrollment at a certain level, Murphy says, but the school is so popular, that has never been necessary.

That popularity is not universal. The school actually fell somewhat out of favor with parents of special needs who say its limited resources are a result of attitude, not space or funding limitations (See sidebar, page 32).

But more than enough parents agree that the program has been successful for regular and children with limited special needs — to the point where Shawsheen's popularity is also something of a problem — it's tough for new students to get in (Registration is Monday: page 20).

"It's a wonderful school with dedicated staff who care about the children. They go way beyond the call of duty to make a student successful," says parent Richard Wilson.

The atmosphere at Shawsheen is designed to be intimate and nurturing, founders say. The Shawsheen Integrated Primary School school opened in 1990 with five classes (three kindergarten and two first grades), and has since expanded to nine classes; five kindergartens, and four of combined first and second grades. The building also houses an integrated preschool program of three classes.



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

New kid with his blocks — Nicholas Enxing works on his building project in his Shawsheen School kindergarten class. The school's popularity has now pushed it to maximum enrollment.

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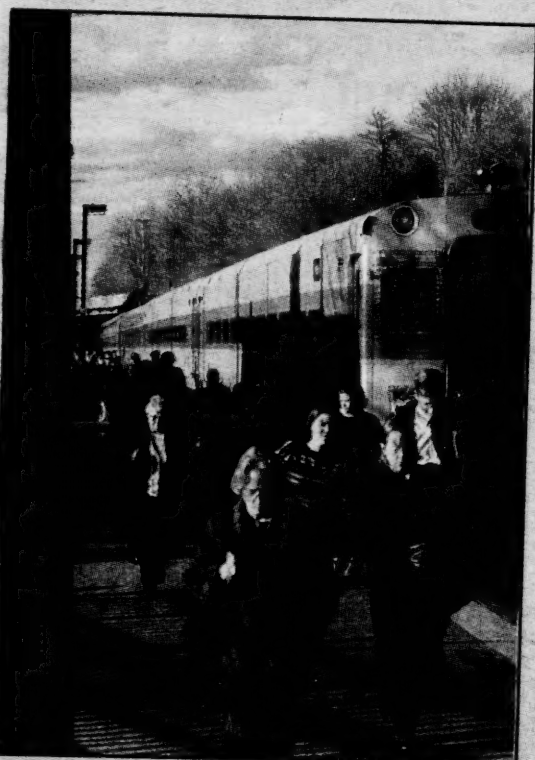


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Commuter rush — Sure, the train is convenient, but only if you can get to it.

How can you ride if you can't park?

By Neil Fater

By 7:30 a.m., drivers frantic to hop the 7:45 a.m. commuter train to Boston are thinking one thing: Will I ride forever on the streets of Andover trying to find a parking space?

That's the image painted by some Andover commuters who use the MBTA, such as Lisa Raso of York Street. Raso says those riding that train find nothing but trouble ahead and trouble behind when they look to find parking at Andover's Railroad Street station within 30 minutes of their morning train.

"There's no parking down here. It's terrible. You have to get dropped off at the station or walk," says Raso. "If you want to take the 7:45 a.m. train you cannot park. Even if you come at 7:10 a.m., you're all done."

State Rep. Barry Finegold (D-Andover) says he's heard a number of complaints like this since he was elected to office. As a result, he's asked Andover selectmen to

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The incredible shrinking warrant

By Neil Fater

Town Meeting this year is expected to resemble a Great-Depression-era bank. There will be so many withdrawals that the doors will close early.

In fact, the dozen important articles already set to be withdrawn or postponed could make this year's meeting remembered as much for

the articles voters don't debate as for those they approve.

April Town Meeting is scheduled to begin Monday, April 27 and continue April 28 and 29. If a fourth day is needed, Town Meeting will actually extend into May, with the fourth night Monday, May 4. But Town Counsel Tom Urbelis figures Town Meeting

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TOWN TALK



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Helping to heal — Meghan Bradley, 12, has illustrated a new book used by the Trauma Intervention Program.

The pictures of sympathy

When Jayan Conlin needed a book to help families through the loss of a loved one, she turned to a family in her neighborhood — 12-year-old Meghan Bradley and her mom, Christine McCarthy.

The result is a coloring book called *Michael's Story* that's already received tears of thanks in the Merrimack Valley. In fact, the book seems so helpful that a Pensacola, Fla. Trauma Intervention Program (TIP) chapter has ordered 150 of the books for their own use.

"There's not a lot out there that really helps explain the process of saying, 'Goodbye.' That's one of the reasons we did this," says Conlin, the founder of the Merrimack Valley TIP.

Conlin says the book, illustrated by Meghan, written by Conlin and volunteer Carrie Emond and edited by McCarthy, is already helping parents and children to recover together from the loss of a family member. The book is based on an actual North Andover TIP case and is designed so family members can read it together.

The left-hand pages of the book have informational paragraphs parents can use to help themselves and their children through their grief, while the right hand pages have Meghan's drawings

illustrating a story about a boy who lost his father.

Meghan says she put a baseball hat on the boy when she had difficulty drawing his hair. It turned out the boy almost always dons such a cap.

"Whenever I have free time, normally I'll just sketch something," says Meghan, who loads her days with activities such as saxophone playing, horseback riding, and kung-fu fighting. "I was able to keep (these drawings) simple so kids could color it too."

Meghan says horses are a favorite subject for her sketches, and she usually does more detailed work than that found in the book.

At a school art festival, someone once offered to buy a drawing she made of one of her grandmother's statues, but Meghan says "I didn't want to see it, because I like it so much."

Conlin says those who have used the book say they like that, too.

"The goal was to have a child do the artwork because we want children to use it," she says. "Meghan just basically made all the characters come to life."

Recently an Andover child pointed to a heart drawn on the book cover and told a TIP volun-

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Auction set to benefit youth skate park

The Friends of Andover Youth will host an auction on behalf of Andover Youth Services Friday, May 8. The auction will be held at the Town House (Old Town Hall) to raise funds for the construction of a skate park.

Michael Harkins of Harkins Real Estate and Auctioneers has volunteered to serve as auctioneer. The silent auction will begin at 6 p.m. with the live auction at 7.

The building of such a facility is a big undertaking and the support of all the residents and businesses in Andover is needed.

Any donation of a product or service will be used during the auction and cash contributions will be considered a sponsorship. Either form of a contribution will be acknowledged in the auction brochure.

Checks should be made payable to Friends of Andover Youth and mailed to Andover Youth Services, c/o Sheila Stone, 39 Clark Road, Andover, Mass. 01810.

Recycling redux

Massachusetts towns and cities seemed to have recycled their recycling rates this year, with the exception of a few communities that made drastic changes in their trashing habits.

Andover's 1998 recycling rate jumped to 32 percent, up from last year's 28 percent, according to Jodi Segal, solid waste program advocate at MassPIRG, a consumer advocacy group.

While Andover's rate had dipped from 30 percent to 28 percent from 1996 to 1997, the town continues to hover around the state average, 33 percent, Segal says.

But since recycling rates are based on numbers reported from each town, such small shifts in percentage could mean there has been no change at all in the town's recycling practices, she says.

Half of the towns and cities statewide increased their recycling, one quarter of them by 6 percent or more, and one quar-

ter by 5 percent or less.

Another quarter of the state's communities decreased their rates, however, another 10 percent had no change, and 5 percent didn't report.

The state's goal is to have all communities recycling at least 46 percent of their trash annually by the year 2000. It provides financial incentives and programs to encourage that.

Andover took \$2,753 from the state for recycling education materials this year, Segal says, but the town will be limited in its financial ability to recycle until it gets out of the NESWC trash disposal contract that requires a minimum amount of trash disposal.

— Rebecca Lipchitz

If you build it, they will come

In the seemingly wild, wacky world of building codes, Andover's Inspector of Buildings Kaija Gilmore wants to remind residents that where there is a rule, there is a reason.

Besides being head of building safety in Andover, Gilmore is on the board of directors for the Massachusetts Building Commissioners and Inspectors Association, Inc. She staffed an information booth on building safety Tuesday at the Statehouse in Boston.

MBCIA celebrates National Building Safety Week from April 5-11 by honoring the work of building inspectors everywhere.

"The importance of building codes and their regulation and enforcement is often overlooked until some catastrophic fire or other construction-related tragedy occurs and receives worldwide attention, shocking people's consciousness," said MBCIA President Matt Mulvey.

— Rebecca Lipchitz

Architect proposed for senior center

The Designer Selection Team for the new senior center was created by the town manager to recommend a short list

of architects for the preliminary phase of the project, evaluate available sites and address space use recommendations.

The Architect Selection Subcommittee, with town staff, has evaluated submissions to the Request for Proposal, interviewed the candidates and recommended the firm of John Catlan Associates. The town manager is in the process of negotiating the contract, and the architect should be hired soon.

The Site Evaluation Subcommittee has created a vision of the short- and long-range uses of the new senior center as the town's elder population continues to grow and its need for services and recreational activities change. This information will help the architect evaluate sites and design the new facility.

Gimme tax shelter

Frantic last-minute filers take note. The third annual Tax Night will be held at Memorial Hall Library Wednesday, April 15, from 7-10 p.m. The photocopy machines will be humming, IRS-trained volunteers will be on hand to help and federal and state forms will be stockpiled. Coffee and sweets will be available to keep you awake and your energy level up. When you're done, go to the post office on Stevens Street. It will remain open until 10 p.m.

Bring last year's return, W-2 forms and 1099 interest/dividend statements, and the volunteers will help complete your return or file for an extension. The circulation and reference desks will also remain open until 10 p.m.

The library will also sponsor walk-in tax help Saturday, April 11, from 1 a.m. to noon.



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'H' is idea of an unnatural act is to pick up a check.'

Selectman Larry Larsen, MC at the roast of outgoing selectman Jerry Silverman, referring to the guest of dishonor.

'I's sad to see families throughout Shawsheen forced to withdraw money from retirement savings and their children's college funds to correct this gross injustice.'

David McDermitt, commenting on a petition filed with the state Land Court, seeking to block the installation of lights at Shawsheen Field.

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teer, "This means I'm never going to see my daddy again. But I can always carry him in my heart, right?"

Adults say it has touched them and will help their children, says Conlin.

"I was at a Kiwanis meeting and a woman looked at the book and cried," says Conlin. "She apologized for crying and I said, 'That's the greatest compliment you can give us because it means it's really on the mark.'"

"You can make a big difference by doing what you can on an individual basis," says McCarthy. "I'm really amazed at how her drawings came out."

— Neil Fater

Why live anywhere else?

Andover landed in the top 10 of a list of desirable communities for child-rearing according to a national monthly finance magazine.

Published in *Moneysworth* magazine, an article titled "Some Small Towns are Much Better for Raising a Family than Others," by Melissa Giovagnoli also listed Fountain Hills, Ariz.; Vista, Calif.; Gainesville, Fla. and St. Charles, Ill.

Giovagnoli is author of the book 50 Fabulous Places to Raise Your Family, which also lists Andover.

The town was noted for its school system, proximity to Boston, beaches and ski resorts and expensive homes. It described residents as generally young with a penchant for volunteerism.

But then, the entry fee is a bit steep. The story noted that the average price of homes for sale in Andover is nearly \$300,000.

All this information is a bit hard to find locally, as well. Memorial Hall Library doesn't carry *Moneysworth*. Nor did it turn up in a brief search of local magazine racks.

Maybe it was just sold out.

It's déjà vu all over again

For those who complain that things just ain't what they used to be, School Committee member Tim McCarron discovered some evidence to prove them wrong.

McCarron was leafing through a scrap book of news clippings in the School Committee room during last week's meeting and found the following headlines reported in the *Andover Townsman*:

- Board delays middle school decision for public input;
- Middle school discussion seen as too fast by parent group;
- Parents rallying support for proposed collaborative school; and
- New high school principal expected to be named tonight.

A clipping from the Lawrence *Eagle-Tribune* read: Andover girls tie for state title, but the story wasn't about the AHS girls basketball team. It was about the varsity soccer team



McCarron — history repeating itself.

— in 1987.

While almost all of the headlines above could have been seen in Andover papers this year, they were all published between Nov. 25 and Dec. 17, 1987.

The 1987 reports included complaints of parents faced with the possibility of junior high schools changing from grades 7-9 to middle school grades 6-8 and high school grades 9-12, echoing those of parents today upset that middle-school reconfiguration may bring fifth grade to middle school.

Present-day School Committee member Tina Girdwood says she remembers being concerned about the move herself at the time.

"We were convinced it was a dreadful thing," she says, recalling marching down to then-Superintendent Ken Siefert's office for answers. She came to learn "it was not a problem. Just a different approach," she says, and finds herself addressing the same questions now as the middle-school debate entailed 10 years ago.

But the middle-school configuration of 1987 was proposed in the fall and in action by the next year.

"What has parents worried is the suddenness with which they say school officials sprang the plan to relieve rising student/teacher ratios and shrinking classroom facilities by

rearranging the school system," said the December 23, 1987 story in the *Townsman*, about a concerned parent group.

At the time parents also rallied around a proposal for a collaborative school to include Andover and Lawrence students, a project that was hotly debated but never approved, Girdwood says.

While such a radical social experiment has not since been proposed, Andover parents today await the state's answer to the proposed Andover Classical Charter School. Results are expected today.

But further off, Andover is indeed expected to name a new high school principal this year as Ellen Parker heads to Methuen for July 1. In 1987, Andover named Wilbur Hixon AHS principal. Hixon touted a need for "greater flexibility," according to the *Townsman*, Nov. 25, 1987.

"If we want to bring in critical thinking skills (to the curriculum), you can't do things like that in eight 40-minute periods each day," Hixon said.

That same day, Andover girls varsity soccer tied Agawam 0-0 in a state title match after seven overtimes. Andover's goalie Karen DelSarto made 16 saves and played the entire game, reports said.

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Shawsheen lights fight heads to Land Court

By Neil Fater

Claiming that light towers would violate the current zoning of their residential neighborhood, 21 Shawsheen residents have filed a petition with the state Land Court to prevent the town from installing 60-foot light towers at the Shawsheen soccer fields.

If the town applies for a building permit to construct the towers, the group also plans to seek a court injunction to stop it, says David McDermitt, a Balmoral Street resident and spokesman for the group.

The move marks the latest in a series of efforts by Shawsheen residents to prevent lights from being installed at their neighborhood fields. If the town needs to change the zoning of Shawsheen to install lights, then the issue will have to go back to Town Meeting.

"There was a groundswell of support for a lawsuit, because we exhausted every other means," says McDermitt, a senior vice president for Clarke & Company public relations. "In our opinion and that of our attorney, it's a change in use that's not consistent with the current zoning."

"If these light towers are constructed, the unique and historic character of our neighborhood will be changed forever," he says. "It's sad to see families throughout Shawsheen forced to withdraw money from retirement savings and their children's college funds to correct this gross injustice."

Despite this latest effort, Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski says the town still plans to pursue nighttime sports at the fields while working with an ad hoc lights committee.

"It doesn't change anything. I'm not surprised by it, but we're moving ahead," says Stapczynski. "I'm going to be working with John Hess to set up a meeting (of the lights group)."

When it approved the lights last month, selectmen voted to create this group to advise them on how often the lights should be used and to discuss solutions to other problems that might arise from nighttime soccer playing. Five Shawsheen residents, members of the Andover Soccer Association, police officers and other town employees will take part in that meeting, says Stapczynski.

But Shawsheen residents maintain that the money being used to install the lights was never meant to be used for anything other than occasional ice skating. The Town Meeting article said the money would be used for field

improvements including "lighting and water for ice skating."

"At no time did town officials advise Shawsheen residents there were plans to install lights for any purpose other than occasional ice skating in winter," says Drexel Ace, of Balmoral Condominiums. "Town officials kept the neighborhood completely in the dark about their real intentions."

Believing their neighborhood was kept in the dark, residents now want their neighborhood soccer fields kept in the dark as well.

"I think there would have been a much different result had the people really known what they were voting for, and had adequate discussion around that issue taken place," he says.

Although officials have said residents were informed of their intentions before the Town Meeting vote, many Shawsheen residents remain skeptical.

"If they were aware of it they were terribly silent prior to the Town Meeting vote," says Vincent Cox, of York Street. "To say that we were duped would be putting it mildly."

State Rep. LeLacheur announces retirement

Senior Merrimack Valley State Rep. Ed LeLacheur (D-Lowell) announced yesterday he's come to the end of his campaign trail.

LeLacheur, who turns 73 in June, says he won't seek reelection to the 18th Middlesex District that includes Andover's 5th precinct and portions of Lowell and Tewksbury.

"Basically, it caught everyone by surprise," says Andover State Rep. Barry Finegold.

After 24 years as a State Rep. LeLacheur goes out with a bang after

securing an \$8 million state grant to build the new baseball stadium in Lowell, the new home of the Lowell Spinners, LeLacheur Park.

He was first elected in 1974 and has faced few serious challengers for his seat since.

Democrat Stephen Geary, a Lowell attorney has announced his intentions to run for the seat.

Finegold says Andover may have a good shot at the seat if Lowell voters split on a number of candidates.

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Some lawsuits disappear, to town's pleasure

By Neil Fater

While the Andover High School construction lawsuit continues to plod along as slowly as the construction project itself, the town recently removed a pair of considerably smaller suits from its courtroom closet.

Essex Superior Court Judge Joseph A. Grasso Jr. has snuffed out a lawsuit brought against Andover and its leaders by retired firefighter Leonard J. Poole.

Poole had charged that the town did not pay him fully for retirement bene-

fits he deserved because of a disability he suffered while on the job.

But Grasso dismissed the case, saying Poole had not followed the proper procedures for an appeal, says Town Counsel Thomas Urbelis.

"The judge said, in effect, because of that, he didn't think he had jurisdiction (to make a ruling)," says Tom Urbelis.

The judge added in a footnote that "Were the court vested with jurisdiction to consider the merits, the undisputed facts indicate that Poole's con-

tentions lack merit."

Another case was recently dropped. That suit was brought by a developer seeking to make improvements on Aldebrook Road, a private road known by many because for a brief stretch, only one side of the street has been paved. In its suit, the developer was challenging a Planning Board decision that said before the developer could make improvements it would have to, among other things, obtain deeds to sections of Aldebrook Road owned by four

abutters before.

The town had been fighting the legal battle for more than a year, says Urbelis.

However, after the developer acquired the rights to the street area, the developer dropped the case, he says.

As for the suit regarding the Andover High School renovation brought by contractor Stone-Congress, Urbelis indicates things could heat up soon, now that the project is close to completion.

"The job is just about finished. (Regarding) the litigation, people are waiting for (construction) workers to finish before increasing the pace of the proceedings," says Urbelis.

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'Dollars for Scholars' applications available

The Town of Andover's Dollars for Scholars scholarship applications are now available from the Andover Town Offices.

The \$1,000 scholarships, available to Andover residents for post-secondary education, are awarded based on need and/or merit. A number of colleges and universities have agreed that this award will not be deducted from any institutional financial aid, and some have agreed to match the Dollars for Scholars award.

The awards are determined by a committee appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Applicants names are removed before the

applications are sent to the selection committee. Scholarship winners will be notified by Town Treasurer David Reilly. Recipients must agree to have their names and photographs published.

An applicant must furnish a current transcript of grades including class rank and SAT scores, a reference appraisal, Financial Assistance Questionnaire and a student aid report.

The application package must be returned by May 5 to the Town of Andover Scholarship Fund, Andover Bank, Attention: Cynthia Milne, 61 Main St., Andover, Mass. 01810.

Democrats offer \$1,000 scholarship

The Andover Democratic Town Committee is again awarding its annual scholarship of \$1,000 given in memory of Ann M. Guzowski.

The scholarship is awarded to an Andover resident who demon-

strates involvement in politics or community service.

Applications are available at the Andover High School guidance office, or by contacting Ellen McCarthy at 749-7005. The application deadline is May 1.

NEWS CALENDAR

Thursday, April 9

Andover Housing Authority, regular session, 100 Morton St., 7 p.m.

Monday, April 13

Board of Selectmen, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7 p.m.

Board of Health, second-floor conference room, Town Offices, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, April 14

School Committee, School Committee room, School Administration Building; executive session 6:30 p.m., regular meeting 7:30 p.m., budget hearing, 8 p.m.

Planning Board, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:30 p.m.

Preservation Commission, second-floor conference room, Town Offices, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 15

Shawsheen Historic District Study Commission, Shawsheen School teachers' room, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 21

Conservation Commission, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:45 p.m.

Wednesday, April 22

Commission on Disabilities,

third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 6:15 p.m.

Finance Committee, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 24

Andover Contributory Retirement Board, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 9 a.m.

Monday, April 27

Contributory Retirement Board, Andover High School, Room 107, 6 p.m.

Andover High School Council, Andover High School Room 107, 6 p.m.

School Committee, Andover High School Field House, 6:30 p.m.

Annual Town Meeting, Andover High School Field House, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 28

Contributory Retirement Board, Andover High School, Room 107, 6 p.m.

Andover High School Council, Andover High School Room 107, 6 p.m.

School Committee, Andover High School Field House, 6:30 p.m.

Annual Town Meeting, Andover High School Field House, 7 p.m.

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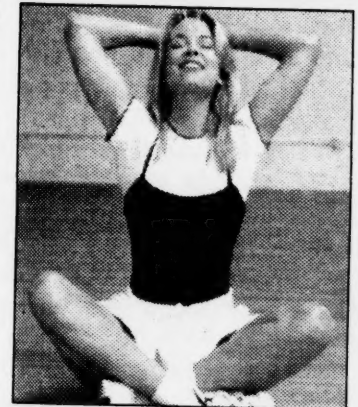
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Be clear about all the motives

The members of CUBA (Citizens United for a Better Andover), flush from winning a round in their battle against a proposed new middle school, now propose a public forum on the matter, and have indicated their desire to be included in a committee charged by the School Committee with studying the issue.

The School Committee is a bit wary of having them sit at the table. Understandably so.

Not that CUBA members don't deserve considerable credit for challenging the proposal. They do. A project costing millions and changing the grade mix in the schools deserves to be challenged. The fact that both the Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen found too many unanswered questions about it indicates that at least some of CUBA's questions were legitimate.

But it should also be clear that CUBA's motives were not to make the project better. They were, and are, to make it go away.

That may be what is best for the town, and for local education. But if CUBA wants to maintain its credibility during the next several months of discussion, it should be up front about that goal and other things as well.

In a letter to the editor this week (page 38), it says the group's flier campaign was simply to disseminate information.

That's true, but not the whole truth. Their goal was to disseminate *selective* information, favorable to their view of the world.

It says they don't claim to have all the answers. Again, while technically true, it is a truth with a hole big enough to drive a truck through. CUBA indeed claims to have the answer to the only question of any real significance in this debate: Should the town build a new middle school? They emphatically claim the answer is no.

They say theirs is not a NIMBY campaign. It must be just a coincidence that the homes of virtually all of those leading the CUBA campaign are clustered around the site of the proposed new school.

Yes, of course not everybody in CUBA is from the Cross Street-High Plain Road area. But it is hard to believe its leaders would work so passionately on the issue, were the site tucked up next to the Harold Parker State Forest at the other end of town.

There is nothing automatically wrong with working to protect what one believes is the quality of life in the neighborhood. There is nothing unseemly about concern over property values. But it is important to acknowledge all of one's motives, if one wishes to be taken seriously.

It sounds great to say it's all "for the children." But some of this is for the adults, too.



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Branching out — This rotten tree branch, which fell onto Whittier Street late Monday afternoon, knocked out power in Andover center, leaving some homes and businesses, including the Townsman, briefly in the dark. It also blocked traffic until crews could clear it away.

A day in the life of public health



Howard Koh

This week, April 6-12 is National Public Health Week, and despite public health's responsibility for most of the improvement in life expectancy during the past century, most people still lack an understanding of how public health affects their daily lives. To give an inside view of what public health really means, I would like to tell you about a day in the life of public health.

The sun breaks through early morning clouds and shines brightly on your neighborhood. You awake and breathe deeply. You know that the air is less polluted than years ago because environmental testing has been used to monitor and address any growing air-pollution problems. For breakfast, you have a cup of coffee with milk. Public health has assured that the water in the coffee is free of contaminants, and inspectors have made sure the milk is pure to drink.

As you get into your car to drive your children to school and yourself to

work, you notice that your 9-year-old is buckling her seat belt without being reminded. Then you recall that a childhood injury-prevention specialist stopped by the elementary school yesterday to instill the message of safety at a very young age. In your 14-year-old's backpack is a helmet for when he bicycles and skateboards, you are relieved to know that he, too, has gotten the message.

You drop your youngest child off at day care — no problem here. With the free universal childhood immunization provided by the state, many diseases that once caused fatal epidemics are now very, very rare.

Before getting to work, you stop at the drive-through of a fast-food restaurant and order breakfast. The food will be clean and free of food-borne illness caused by bacteria because local health officials inspect the kitchen regularly to see that proper cleanliness is being maintained.

Although the egg sandwich looks good, you choose the bagel with jam — low in fat with plenty of carbohydrates. How did you know that? Remember the public service announcement you heard last week about ways to lower your fat intake? The nutritionists at the Department of Public Health wrote and produced it.

As you approach work, the radio tells you that a storm is coming, and could be quite dangerous. If the storm

does hit hard, at least you will know what to do. Already, the Department of Public Health is working with news organizations to prepare the citizens of your area in the event of a bad storm. On the same newscast, you hear that the birth rate in Massachusetts is up, and the death rate is down. The Department of Public Health is the collector and analyzer of all vital records in the state and makes annual reports to assist policy and decision-makers in preparing the state for the future.

You drive your car into a space in front of the hospital where you work as a physician's assistant. Today, you are working at the community health clinic answering the prenatal care questions of pregnant mothers. Your salary is paid through a grant from the Department of Public Health as part of its maternal and child health programs to reduce infant mortality and to improve birth outcomes.

It is only 8:30 a.m., and the little-known benefits of public health have made you, your family, and those around you safer and healthier. Tomorrow, the benefits of a strong public health infrastructure will continue to improve the lives of the citizens of Massachusetts.

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Dr. Howard Koh, of Andover, is the state commissioner of Public Health.

LETTERS

School crowding
will not go awayEditor, *Townsmen*:

I am writing in response to a series of letters which have appeared in the *Andover Townsman*. I was a parent of a child at West Elementary for 12 years. I therefore have a clear idea of the conditions there.

I made an inquiry to see if the overcrowded conditions there had significantly changed over the last year. Parents in town have been misinformed about the situation at West Elementary School by the letters that previously appeared. West Elementary has a capacity for 750 students. In the current school year, 852 students are taught in the classrooms, stage of the auditorium, hallways and cafeteria.

You'll notice my additions to the word classrooms. Yes, West Elementary does have a music room. However, due to the size of the school population, only 60 percent of the students are able to have music classes there. The other 40 percent are taught on the stage of the auditorium. These classes are displaced for assemblies and presentations to the student body. Please remember that the auditorium was never built for this number of students. Hence, school assemblies for the entire school body require three seatings and, in a school with this number of students per grade, there are numerous presentations.

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On NESWC: It's time to get back to budget reality

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Now that the elections are behind us, we need to get back to reality. I am concerned that we are fooling ourselves and fellow voters into thinking we have some spare funding that might be available to support the town's wish list items such as: a bigger and better senior center, a bigger and better safety center, a youth center and a third middle school.

In at least one part of the town budget, we are seriously in trouble, and may not be able to afford any of these. In fact, without any additional capital improvements, we may find ourselves forced to cut \$1 million out of our town or school budgets (roughly equivalent to 25 teachers laid off). What is the reason? The trash contract with the NESWC facility. No one dared to discuss this during the elections because the realities are too grim, but now we need to focus on realistic options.

One fact is that with no further action on our part, Wheelabrator will continue to move ahead with the EPA-mandated air pollution control improvements (the "retrofit"), and the costs will be borne by the towns as dictated by the current contract. Andover has a significant portion of the guaranteed tonnage (5 percent), and therefore incurs a significant part of those costs in a short period of time (from 2000 to 2005). The early cost projections show our disposal costs more than doubling (an increase for Andover alone of \$1 million to \$1.5 million each of those five years).

Even without the retrofit, the costs for the towns are high because our predecessors were gamblers; they arranged for most of the debt to be paid in the last five

years, gambling that electric rates would rise enough to offset the higher debt costs. We all now know we lost that gamble.

Another fact is that in almost every other location where Wheelabrator operates waste-to-energy facilities, they allow the communities to reduce their guaranteed tonnage if the reduction is due to recycling. Andover needs this flexibility. We should be demanding it. We need a representative to NESWC and politicians who are willing to ask for this.

Then, we need to get aggressive about recycling. To keep our budget in line while the costs double, we will need to reduce our waste to about half of the current amount. This may not be possible but we must make the effort and use every means possible, including composting leaf and yard waste, pay-as-you-throw pricing, curbside recycling for additional materials, etc.

A third fact, often missed by those reviewing the NESWC situation, is that there are supposed to be three sources of revenue coming into a waste-to-energy plant: disposal fees from towns, electric sales, and disposal fees for spot market waste.

We know towns have been paying very high tip fees. The other sources have been getting off easy. The electric utility has been getting too good a deal for too long. They have been buying the energy produced by the facility at a rate less than 3 cents per kilowatt hour, which is considerably less than comparable facilities. The spot market price has dropped because the state allowed landfill expansions at commercial landfills and construction of waste-to-energy facilities in Haverhill, Rochester and Millbury.

Everyone else in the state is enjoying lower disposal rates due to these facilities, but it is costing the NESWC communities.

These decisions hurt the NESWC communities but benefited the rest of the state through lower trash rates and lower electric rates. In addition, all who breathe the air or eat locally-grown food products will benefit from the improved air pollution control systems. Therefore, it seems appropriate that the state should cover the costs of the retrofit. Even with state funding for the air pollution retrofit, the costs will continue to be quite high, but better alternatives are hard to find. Andover declaring bankruptcy is unlikely. Closing the facility or backing out of the contract may be an option, but is not likely to save the town money and could cost even more. It may end up with Wheelabrator owning and operating the facility on its own, and Andover trying to pay off its debt and paying for a new disposal contract in some facility further away.

With significant financial help from the state, the flexibility to reduce our tonnage through recycling, and some creative financing to spread out the cost of the debt, Andover may be able to get through the year 2005 without closing schools or shutting down the police and fire departments.

Each of these hopes is a long shot, because the contract is so one-sided and 23 towns do not have much political clout. Without these, however, I am not sure what we will do, but I doubt we will be getting the new facilities wishfully discussed during the elections.

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Jack Grady

After their first road trip of the season, the Red Sox are back in town. In the young 1998 campaign, tomorrow is the home opener at Fenway Park.

Whenever I think about a trip to Fenway — some would call it a pilgrimage — I think of my Uncle Joe.

Joe Grady, a lifelong resident of the Mission Hill neighborhood of Boston and all-around great guy, died Jan. 5. He was 80.

And in an unrelated story, the Red Sox raised their ticket prices the day he died, to their highest prices ever. Field box

seats \$30; reserved grandstand, \$20. Bleachers, \$12 and \$10.

Not that it would've affected Joe one bit, as he had simply sworn off ever going back to Fenway — the aggravation just wasn't worth it anymore. It had been several years since I was able to talk him into going to a game. "Save your money, Junior," I can hear him saying. The last time we went, the Sox won big over Kansas City, something like 19 to 2, with two grand slams for the Sox, yet they still finished that year about 15 games out of first place when the season was through.

And when you consider the season they had last year, not much has changed. OK, they finished 20 games behind the Orioles.

Wait 'til next year?

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(*Lather. Rinse. Repeat.*)

Ever since 1912, the year Fenway was built, Uncle Joe's back porch on Calumet Street has enjoyed a sweeping view of the field. And ever since the Diamondvision scoreboard went up in center field years

ago, you could tell who was batting without checking the game on radio or TV.

You've seen the bumpersticker: *Boston Red Sox — 1918 World Champions...* Joe had just celebrated his first birthday then. One year after that last winning Series, he had a younger brother, my father. We're still waiting, and we still go to Fenway.

It's simple, really. Fenway is part of the glue that binds New England's generations together. It also provides a parallel timeline for many of life's important events.

SAME AS IT EVER WAS

In the late '80s and early '90s, I didn't want the Sox to get rid of Dwight Evans. Featured on the front of the 1990 official schedule, Dewey was the only player on the team who was older than I was.

I still have a schedule from the 1979 season, and on it No. 43, Dennis Eckersley, is firing a pitch to home plate.

The Eck was traded to the Chicago Cubs in 1984 for none other than former

Andover resident-in-exile Bill Buckner, poster boy for the Agony of Defeat.

Eckersley's long exile ended this winter, and he'll close out his career with Boston. They still love him on Mission Hill, as he married one of their own. Still wearing his No. 43, Eck is now 43 years old, a fact you'll probably be hearing a few times this year, especially in save situations.

'GO THE DISTANCE'

Many people say they go to a game at Fenway to see the park. To sit where their fathers and grandfathers sat. To continue the whole *Field of Dreams* thing. To these people, Fenway Park is the real star, more of a draw than the team is. Especially now that the owners, the JRY Corp., are thinking out loud about — heresy — replacing the park with one that is more "economically viable."

A new and improved Fenway, built alongside the old one, could be erected in the area bounded by Yawkey Way, Boyl-

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BUSINESS

Dino's offers custom transformed furs

Dino's Salon, 33 Main St., Andover, is offering custom services to those who want to transform an outdated fur coat into a new product that maintains the sentimental value.

Transfuration, a Groton-based company, creates custom-made pillows using recycled furs.

The neckrolls and pillows are made from sheared furs such as mink, beaver and Russian squirrel. They are finished with Italian trims and tassels, backed with silk, suede and kimono fabrics. Each is hand-crafted.

Mary Beth Hayes, the company's founder and designer, gets coats from auctions, estate sales, vintage clothing shops and private acquisitions, but also does custom work through Dino's, for those who want to supply their own furs to be redone as pillows.

Local photographer wins spot in exhibit

Andover photographer Wilda Gerideau-Squires' photograph "Wildflowers" has been selected for inclusion in the Art-Around Boston Juried Exhibit '98, to be held in the Laura Knott Gallery of Art at Bradford College.

The exhibit will run March 29-April 23. Gallery hours are Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 1-5 p.m.



Wilda Gerideau-Squires

Sebell honored for sales

Amy L. Sebell of Andover received the Platinum Club award for excellence

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ATM Wars: Is it really David vs. Goliath?

The banking industry is apparently taking a little time out from its fight with credit unions for an intense internal squabble over that monument to convenience, the Automatic Teller Machine.

The issue is surcharges, and the current split is over whether the two banking giants in the state — BankBoston and Fleet Bank, which are said to control about two-thirds of the ATMs — should be allowed to tack on a surcharge to customers who are "foreign," or don't have an account with them.

Customers of most smaller banks already pay a surcharge to their own bank when they don't use an ATM within their bank's network. But Fleet and BankBoston are seeking to add their own surcharge on top of that, which could make the cost of an ATM transaction range from about \$2.50 to as much as \$4.50, according to a recent study done by the consumer advocacy group MassPIRG.

And that, say the smaller banks, will drive their customers into the arms of the giants, which they say already control about two-thirds of the market in the state.

The Community Bank League of New England, which represents cooperative banks, has been feverishly lobbying at the Statehouse in favor of legislation that would ban such surcharges, arguing that the banking landscape in Massachusetts is already out of balance, and this would make it even worse.

A bill to ban them was reported favorably out of the Legislature's Joint Committee on Banks and Banking, and has already passed the Senate on a 38-0 vote, but it has been stuck on the House side in the Ways and Means Committee, reportedly because House

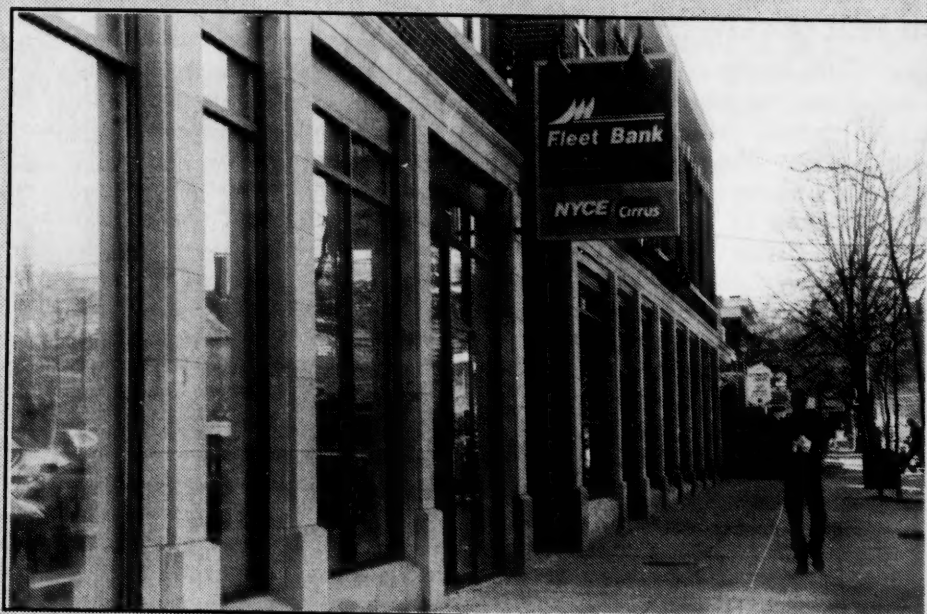


Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Predatory? Smaller, independent banks contend that if the Legislature does not ban ATM surcharges to non-customers, the state's two largest banks — Fleet (above) and BankBoston — will force consumers to switch to them, just to avoid the fees. Fleet, and the Massachusetts Bankers Association, say customers are too savvy for that.

Speaker Thomas Finneran opposes it.

And if the bill dies in committee at the end of July, Fleet and BankBoston are expected to move to impose the fees.

Dale Zelony, director of legislative services for the Community Bank League, says the League is still hopeful of bringing the legislation to the House floor. "We've already got 80 members to sign a pledge of support," she says, "and that's half the House."

The surcharges, she says, would mean customers would have only two options to avoid them: Wait until they can get to an ATM within their own bank's network, or join one of the big banks, making BankBoston and Fleet even more dominant.

Locally, Andover Bank President Gerald Mulligan, a former state banking commissioner, says he favors the free market, but doesn't believe the demand for more surcharges is justified. "For years, they were begging us (the smaller, independent banks) to use their networks (of ATMs)," he says, "and now that they've got the volume, they want to turn around and impose surcharges they don't need."

If the smaller banks were expecting the support of the statewide Massachusetts Bankers Association, however, they are probably disappointed.

The MBA released a study this week, done by Gloucester economist Edward Moscovitch, that concluded

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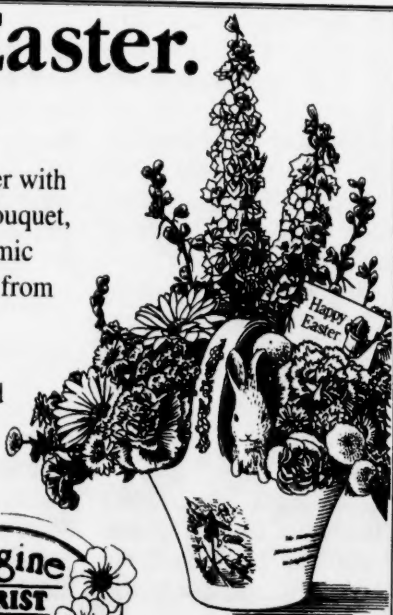
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in sales at the RE/MAX of New England Awards Gala held at the Boston Marriott Copley Place hotel held on March 14.

The RE/MAX Platinum Club honors RE/MAX of New England sales associates and is the highest award given for annual sales production. Only 4 percent of all RE/MAX agents earned this award in New England.

"We are proud to claim Amy as a member of our team at RE/MAX of New England. The success of our organization is a direct reflection of the contributions and commitment she has made to the real estate industry and to RE/MAX over the past 15 years," said William Soteroff, executive vice president and regional director of RE/MAX of New England.

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Fred C. Church acquires another

Fred C. Church Insurance, one of New England's largest privately-owned insurance agencies, has acquired the Erbacher Insurance Agency in Westford.

The acquisition is another step in Fred C. Church's growth over the past few years. Agency sources credit their expansion to their increase in commercial accounts and home, auto and other personal lines insurance activities.

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Curry attends golf symposium

John Curry, formerly of Andover, attended the Professional Clubmakers' International Symposium and Expo in Dallas, Texas, Feb. 26-March 1. The PCS is a world-wide, educational association for club-

makers which offers certification testing in club fitting, clubmaking and club repair. The PCS Expo was developed to help clubmakers like Curry stay abreast of the latest technology.

The custom clubmaking industry has grown to the point where more than 40 percent of the grips, shafts and heads manufactured today are being sold for custom.

Curry is a member of the Professional Clubmakers' Society and operates their custom club business, The Golf Work Shop at 289 Main St. North Reading.

Daher's wins Stride Rite award

During the National Shoe Fair in Las Vegas, Nev., Feb. 8-11, Daher's For Kids was awarded the Stride Rite Concept Retailer of the Year Award. The award was presented by Madison Riley, president of Stride Rite Children's Group.

Daher's For Kids was recog-

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nized for outstanding customer service, visual presentation and marketing of the Stride Rite brand.

Daher Shoes has four locations in the Merrimack Valley, employing more than 30 people. Daher's For Kids opened in 1991 in the center of downtown Andover.

Drugan completes institute

David L. Drugan of Doherty Insurance Agency has successfully completed the Certified Insurance Counselors Personal Lines Institute held in Boston.

The three-day insurance institute was one of the five parts of the Certified Insurance Counselors Program offered annually by the Massachusetts Association of Independent Insurance Agents. After completion of all five institutes covering all major areas of the insurance field and five rigorous exams, Mr. Drugan will be awarded the CIC Certified Insurance Counselor designation by the National Society of Certified Insurance Counselors, the nation's largest provider of professional insurance education.

Drugan began his insurance career in 1988 with a major national insurance company. He joined Doherty Insurance Agency in 1991 as a sales executive specializing in commercial insurance. He and his wife, Paula, live in Methuen with their son, Cameron.

'Cones for Kids' campaign raises funds for Easter Seals

Andover residents contributed \$957.50 to Friendly's 17th annual "Cones for Kids" campaign. The money will help fund Easter Seal swim programs that help children and adults

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Two from area hospice travel to Russia

Merrimack Valley Hospice volunteer coordinator Susan Coburn of Merrimack and volunteer Tanya Drench of Andover embarked on a 10-day journey to Russia beginning March 27 to exchange support and ideas with hospice organizations.

Cabrini Hospice of New York City has organized tours that allow United States nurses and other health professionals an opportunity to exchange ideas with their Russian counterparts since Russia opened its first hospice in 1990. The 15-person team explored the Russian health and hospice culture from the inside, meeting with professionals and patients in Moscow and St. Petersburg. Meetings were held in a round-table format with a Russian interpreter present throughout the journey. On the agenda for discussion were pain management, bereavement, pharmacology and euthanasia.

Coburn and Drench planned to share Merrimack Valley Hospice's philosophy of care, which focuses on the entire family's emotional and spiritual needs as well as the patient's own medical needs.

After graduating from Merrimack Valley Hospice volunteer training this fall, Drench decided to join Coburn in exploring the Russian approach to hospice care, in part because of her own heritage.



To Russia, with love — Tanya Drench, a volunteer for the Merrimack Valley Hospice, and volunteer coordinator Susan Coburn gathered donated supplies in advance for their trip to Russia.

She was born to Russian parents in an Austrian refugee camp. Her father, a pilot in the Russian Air Force, fought as a member of the Allied Forces in World War II. She says that when she was six months old, he was assassinated after speaking out against Stalin. She and her mother remained in the camp until she was 6, when she emigrated to the United States and grew up in Springfield.

Because medical supplies are in

scarce supply in Russia, the team brought donated items to share with their guests. Coburn and Drench collected donated supplies such as dressings, gloves and ointments.

Home Health Foundation's affiliates, Home Health VNA, Merrimack Valley Hospice, and HomeCare, Inc., are not-for-profit, United Way member agencies serving more than 50 communities in Merrimack Valley and Southern New Hampshire from offices in Andover and Haverhill.

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with disabilities expand their independence. The campaign raised \$314,000 in Massachusetts.

Friendly's guests received five children's Valentine Day cards for a \$1 donation to Easter Seals. These cards feature cartoon characters Alvin and The Chipmunks and are redeemable for free Friendly's kid cones. For a \$2 donation, guests received a coupon book with coupons on some Friendly's favorites and a coupon valid for a free 10" x 13" color portrait from Photography by JC Penney. The coupon book has a value of more than \$50.

Hardock completes realtor course

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Hardock of Andover recently completed Course 302 of the Realtor Institute of Massachusetts held recently at Massachusetts Association headquarters in Waltham.



Dot Hardock

The association sponsors Institutes throughout the year for realtors as part of its continuing education program. The GI Course 302 is one of six, five-hour courses which comprise the 90-hour Realtor Institute program. Upon completion of six courses, Institute participants receive the nationally recognized designation "GRI" (Graduate, Realtor Institute).

The Realtor Institute meets the standards set for such programs by the National Association of Realtors. Its purpose is to enable realtors to better service their clients and customers through education and training and includes such subjects as residential construction and design, pricing property, marketing, law, finance, buyer representation, ethics and taxation. Course 302 covers construction, architecture, condominiums and corporate relocation.

Hardock is associated with DeWolfe New England at 76 Main St. and is certified by DeWolfe New England as a marketing specialist, relocation specialist and buyer representative.

Ridge is new VP at The Savings Bank

Stephen J. Ridge Jr. has joined The Savings Bank, with offices in Andover, as vice president and executive trust officer. In his newly-created position, Ridge is responsible for launching and managing the bank's personal trust department.

Ridge was affiliated with State Street Bank and Trust Company, one of the world's leading trust and custody institutions, for nearly 25 years. His most recent position at State Street was senior vice president and head of the Personal Trust and Investment Management Division. Earlier in his career, he was vice president and manager for the investment advisory department, a start-up unit designed to serve the needs of a new market of entrepreneurs, corporate executives and professionals.

Ridge graduated from Boston College with a degree in classics, and did graduate studies at Babson College in economics, money and banking, managerial finance, marketing and sales management. He received a certificate from Northwestern University's National Graduate Trust School.



Stephen J. Ridge

Andover Bank honors employees

Andover Bank held its annual Quality Service Awards program at Ramada Hotel Rolling Green earlier this year.

Quality Service Star awards were given to 28 individuals and six departments for excellence in all areas of quality service.

Quality Service Star: Stacy Annaloro, Carol Axelrod, Joseph Brooks, Lynne Brown, Jada Burgess, Diane Camire, Brenda Cheifetz, Debra DesRoche, Michael Driscoll, Joan Dullea, Linda Dulski, Denise Farris, Judith Frulla, Jayne Gorrie, Joanne Klier, Anna Lemieux, Patti Longo, Rule Loving, Kristen Mannion, Gladys Martinez, Michael Moreau, Suzanne Murphy, Joan Potvin, Viola Slavin, Kathleen Stevens, Rhoda Tavolieri, Kris Train and Rachel Valcourt.

Quality Service Team Stars: Depositor Services, Loan Servicing, Pleasant Valley, Telephone Sales and Service Center. Honorable mentions: Retentions and Systems and Operations.

In addition, the bank recognized employees who excel in specific areas of quality service. Categories and recipients were:

Bank Knowledge: Carol Axelrod.

Beyond the Call of Duty: Steven Stewart.

Common Courtesy: Jayne Gorrie.

Exceptional Quality Service: Ruth Fornier.

Go The Extra Mile: Ruth Fornier.

Outstanding Customer Letter: Joanne Pelczar.

Problem-solving: Lynne Brown.

Professionalism: Kathleen Stevens.

Telephone Courtesy: Michael Moreau.

Also honored that evening were employees who have attained service milestones. Awards were presented to employees for five, ten, 15 and 25 years of service.

Five years: Cathleen Calnan, Carol Collopy, Evelyn Diaz, Kristen Enneguess, Judith Foley, Tricia Guy, Normande Landry, Patrick McGravey, Robin McConnell, Carol

Paquin, Joanne Pelczar, Shirley Rawa and Kristine Train.

Ten years: Cathleen Bilich, Fortune Dabrowski, Karen Lawlor, Barbara McCafferty, Margaret McCallion, Lorraine Musto, Cynthia Ryan and Donna Watkins.

Fifteen years: Dorothy Andrews, Holly Bourque, Thomas Connolly, Theresa Hornby, Susan McEvoy, Barbara McKew, Patricia Nevins and Marianne Vetrano.

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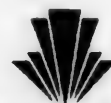


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Watercolor workshop

This month's class on Tuesday, April 14, from 9 to 11 a.m. will focus on landscape in watercolor with a review of perspective devices to show depth and space. The cost is \$4.

Brown bag lecture

Mary Grinnell will present a lecture and slide show on "Women Impressionists in France" Tuesday, April 21. The cost is \$1 per person. Bring lunch. Handouts and suggested reading material will be available. Register at least two days prior to the lecture so adequate seating and refreshments will be available.

Men's monthly breakfast

Norman Ritchie will present a look at history as seen through his 30-year collection of *Time Magazine* covers at the men's breakfast Friday, April 17, at 8:30 a.m. The cost is \$3 per person. Register by calling the center.

Be a visitor

The Andover Council on Aging, in conjunction with Family Service Association of Greater Lawrence, seeks Andover elders to participate in its Friendly Visitor Program. The program is available to homebound Andover senior residents (or nursing home clients) older than age 60. A trained volunteer will be matched to a senior according to similar interests. The volunteer visits the friend at their residence one hour a week to help brighten their lives and enable them to be a part of the community. The choice to have a Friendly Visitor is made by the senior. All participants are assured their conversations will remain confidential. For further information, call Olivia Scileppi at 623-8326.

Movie matinee

A League of Their Own, starring Tom Hanks and Geena Davis, will be shown, Monday, April 13. *Housesitter*, with Goldie Hawn and Steve Martin, will be the April 27 movie. All movies begin at 12:30 p.m. There is no charge, thanks to the generosity of Andover Video.

Cultural committee trip

A trip to JFK Museum and Library will be taken Thursday, April 23. A park ranger will board the bus on his birth site in Brookline, now maintained by the National Parks Service, and narrate a brief look around the neighborhood where Kennedy played as a boy and a tour of the home. A tour of the Kennedy Library and Museum will follow a brief stop at Fanueil Hall for lunch on your own. Cost of the trip is \$16 per person, payable at the time of reservation.

Women's health breakfast

Dr. Eric Arvidson will speak on "Arthritis and You" Friday, April 24, at 9:30 a.m. The Harvard Medical School graduate is in private practice at Essex Orthopedics. Make reservations prior to April 22. Cost is \$1 and a continental breakfast will be served.

Supper club

The supper club will dine at Ristorante Daniela Wednesday, April 29. The cost is \$13 and the menu is available at the center.

Woodcarving class

An eight-week woodcarving class will begin Monday, April 27, at 9 a.m. Cost is \$15. The instructor will be Fred Arakelian. Participants will supply their own materials.

Fix-it shop

The fix-it shop will be open Monday, April 13 and 27, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. The service is open to all seniors in the Andover area.

Beginner's Tai Chi

A 10-week beginners Tai Chi class will get underway at the Senior Center Tuesday, April 14, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$30. Tai Chi is a form of gentle exercise which can be done by almost anyone and offers many health benefits.

Current events

The monthly current events discussion group will meet Wednesday, April 15, at 1 p.m. Anyone interested in this type of discussion is welcome. Refreshments will be served; preregistration is not necessary.

Needlearts class

Carolyn Mattedi will begin a new eight-

week needlearts class Monday, April 13. The cost is \$15. Beginners and experienced stitchers are welcome. Call or stop by the center to register.

Aging is an adventure

The first week of the "Aging is an Adventure" course will begin Monday, April 13, and focus on ageism. Dr. Freda Reblsky, author of *Valued Aging*, will be the guest speaker. Art, music, literature, poetry, writing, photography and technology will be discussed during subsequent weeks. Call the center to register, or Pat for further information.

Thank you

The Senior Center thanks everyone who contributed to the success of the spring craft sale. Special appreciation goes to the Monday craft class, contributors to the bake table, Loosigian Farms for the Easter lilies and spring plants and all those who worked at the fair. The center couldn't do it without them.



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ATM Wars ...

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ATM surcharges in other markets had not prompted a mass migration to the larger banks — that only about 2 percent of customers had switched. Moscovitch also found that:

- Only 30 percent of small-bank customers have and use ATM cards;
- Only 10 percent of those customers make four or more transactions a month at other bank's ATMs;
- Since most banks already impose a surcharge for using an ATM outside of their networks, those who really want to avoid the surcharges are already customers of the larger banks;
- Surcharges did not change deposit trends, indicating that those who wanted the services of a smaller bank stuck with it;
- Customers who wanted to avoid surcharges changed their behavior, by using credit or debit cards more frequently, or simply using the ATM less frequently, rather than switching banks.

None of this is convincing to Zelony, who says a study done by Axiom Research of Cambridge showed a third of ATM customers would switch banks to avoid surcharges.

"We think Massachusetts is a unique market," she says, "and even 2 percent could be very significant. But it's all in how you look at it."

MBA spokesman Robert Fichter agrees with at least that much. But he says the association is trying to "steer a middle course," and base its position "on realities rather than apocalyptic projections."

Fichter says it is possible for smaller banks to form an alliance, within which they

can all agree not to impose surcharges on "foreign" customers. He says the association is also trying to work with the larger banks to make sure their ATMs don't carry "predatory" ads, urging customers to switch as they make a transaction.

"We'd like to keep it a free-market situation," he says, "because it's not as though you can ban surcharges with no consequences. One of those consequences would be that we'd never find out exactly how many ATMs the market would sustain."

And he says the dire predictions of opponents don't match the behavior of consumers in other parts of the country, where surcharges are allowed.

Ellen Molle, a spokesperson for Fleet, which has a branch in Andover, says the bank has consistently supported a full disclosure of ATM fees, but opposes a ban. "We don't think it (a ban) is in the best interests of consumers," she says, noting that it is not fair for Fleet customers to subsidize ATM use by non-

Fleet customers.

And to the charge that ATMs actually save banks money, since they offset the need for tellers, she says a number of studies have proven that is not true. "ATMs do not decrease other uses of customer service," she says.

She, like Fichter, says that savvy consumers can avoid surcharges in a number of ways. "Customers have a lot of choice. They can use checks, they can use telephone, the Internet or do (their business) in the branch."

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The AVIS report

Signs of spring are in the woodlands and meadows

By Marta Hornidge

Here in New England, spring moves north at a saunter, then surprises us on the last week in March by charging ahead overnight to abnormal temperatures, before plunging to more typical March-like weather. Progress in AVIS (Andover Village Improvement Society) reservations moves along according to its own schedule.

Mud season was announced a few weeks ago when the Skug River on AVIS' Skug River Reservation boiled along in a wild, mad dash, tumbling over an old broken stone dam and overflowing its banks. Even now, several weeks later, walks through wet areas in any of the 22 AVIS properties requires stout boots.

With banks of rivers and ponds flooded, the time has come to check woodlands and meadows for the first signs of spring. The result of an annual survey of walkers is that the very first spring ground flower to appear is the ubiquitous skunk cabbage. The reason this plant can emerge even when surrounded by snow, surely an unfair advantage in the competition to be first, is its dramatic ability to alter its own

environment by generating heat produced by the plant's own respiration. If you touch the plant as it first emerges, it will feel warm, as it maintains a fairly constant temperature of 70 degrees. Taking its temperature with a thermometer in Goldsmith Woodlands wasn't too successful, so proof of the phenomenon will have to wait until next spring.

Skunk cabbage gets bad press due to its name. Actually it has an interesting formation of spotted, reddish-purple leaves looking gnome-like with a twisted cap appearing to protect it from harm. The leaves are wrapped around a pretty, yellow seed pod, seldom visible, and if you rub the leaves, the odor is more garlicky than skunk-like. Like most things in nature, this odor has a purpose, it attracts flies, which are useful pollinators.

On AVIS's Bakers Meadow Reservation, bright male red-winged blackbirds, another harbinger of spring, are flying frantically back and forth, claiming their territory and preparing nests to entice a mate to join them. With the unprecedented high temperatures a week ago, the birds must wonder if their nest building is

behind schedule. Will they be ready for the later arrival of the wives? Look for these birds in cattail marshes.

Wilkinson Reservation (off Woburn Street on the Wilmington town line), has a monopoly of early spring peepers. Walking along one of the many high eskers (glacial ridges), you will be deafened by this cacophony of persistent, high-pitched noise coming from the vernal ponds (temporary spring pools). All noise ceases abruptly when you reach their pools. How do they ever sense that they are no longer alone?

A most favorite spring sign for several of my spring spotters is the soft reddish-mauve colors of swamps, especially lovely on a misty day. This almost mystical sight is surely an Impressionist painter's delight. The trail along the esker leading toward Lands End in the Goldsmith Woodlands overlooks a beautiful swamp, quiet now, but soon to be a nesting place for ducks and geese.

Each reservation is alive with early spring. Watch for salamanders, almost impossible to see as they make their trek from hibernation to the vernal ponds on

only one special night. The temperature has to be just right. This great event probably has already taken place this year. Pussy willows, with their soft, fuzzy cover that protects them from the cold, were in full bloom on West Parish Meadow, but soon will expand to produce stamens on some plants and pistils on others. Mourning cloak butterflies, just now in this first week of April, are appearing from hibernation with their purple-brown wing spans fringed with summer's gold. They flutter before your eyes like bright handkerchiefs. They are unique in being the only butterfly to hibernate.

AVIS April Clean-Up Day will be announced by trustee David Dargie. Volunteers are welcome and needed to help clean a designated area. Wardens and extra volunteers are essential helpers in clearing trails for hikers.

The AVIS Board of Trustees is pleased to announce the election of three new trustees. Kathy Diez will include working with membership among her duties. Dave Doub will share land management position with David Dargie and Lisa Smith will be in charge of fund-raising.

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Police round up youthful bagel shop thieves

By Neil Fater

A trio of Andover teenagers who once worked for Bruegger's Bagel Bakery could face time in the hole after allegedly cooking up and completing a scheme to rob the shop of nearly \$7,000.

Two 18-year-old males involved formerly worked for the bagel shop, and a 16-year-old Andover male involved still worked there at the time of the robbery, say police.

The youths were able to take \$6,950 from the safe

because the 16-year-old boy had stolen keys from an assistant manager weeks earlier, says Det. Don Pattullo. The assistant manager assumed the keys had been lost, he says.

"They had talked about this a month ago but it was more of a joking thing. Next thing you know, they talked about it more seriously Sunday night and tried to do it," says Pattullo.

The two 18-year-old males watched the front and back door of the shop while the 16-year-old boy used the keys he stole to open the front door, says Pattullo. Because the safe's combination had not been set and the shop had not deposited money at the bank as usual, the youth was able to open

the safe with the keys. He made off with a day-old supply of \$6,950 that the three divided among themselves, says Pattullo. But because the thieves entered the building so easily, it took police just a day to arrest the three youths.

"We knew it was an inside job and there are only so many people who have worked there recently," says Pattullo.

Although the youths returned the bulk of the stolen dough, there was a hole in the supply. Only \$6,381 was recovered by the youths from the three separate hiding places at their respective homes.

As a result of the investigation, Ethan E. Collings, 18, of 199 Andover St.; Andrew C. Hollinger, 18, of 36 Kathleen Drive; and a 16-year-old Andover juvenile were all arrested and charged with breaking and entering a building with intent to commit a felony, injuring a depository (the safe) of valuables, possession of burglarious tools, and larceny of property over \$250.

Detectives Jim Haggerty and Kevin Burke investigated with Pattullo, who notes the case was under the direction of their new supervisor Det. Sgt. John Bernhardt.

Pedestrian light broken

Pedestrians may want to think twice before crossing North Main Street near Frye Circle. The traffic light there that is normally green has flashed yellow for weeks, and will continue to until the state Highway Department gets a replacement part, says Sgt. James Hashem of Andover Police.

Police investigated after resident Elaine Daily inquired about the broken light.

"It's preventing people from walking down to the plaza, not to mention how dangerous it is," she says.

Hashem says the state didn't say when they expected the light to be fixed.

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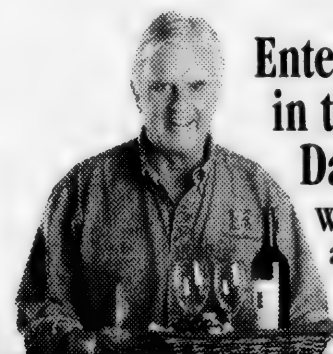
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WHAT'S UP

The Memorial Hall Library's Young Adult Advisory Board will sponsor an Open Mike Talent Night next Friday, April 17, beginning at 7 p.m. in the library hall. The event is open to all teens in middle and high school, and will include free pizza and soda and door prizes such as free movie passes, Red Sox tickets, passes to Canobie Lake Park and gift certificates to Newbury Comics.

The talent night is a chance to gather and share a talent with others; it is not a competition. Teens are invited to perform or be a part of the audience. Everyone will be eligible for door prizes.

Organizers are looking for poets, musicians, actors, comics and others who want to have fun. Stop by the library to pick up an entry form. Deadline for entries is Wednesday, April 15. For more information about this event or the Young Adult Advisory Board, call Beth at the library at 623-8400.

A team of students representing West Middle School have won highest honors in the WordMasters Challenge, a national language arts competition entered by more than 200,000 students annually. It consists of three separate meets held at intervals during the academic year.

Participating in the difficult Blue Division and supervised

by teachers James Redmond and Susan Rogers, the sixth-grade students tied for eighth in the nation in the year's second meet, among 435 school teams and 35,230 students competing at this grade level in this division.

One of the school's students won highest honors for individual achievement: sixth-grader Ian McMahon earned a perfect score in the meet, where nationwide only 45 sixth-graders did so. Other West students who achieved outstanding results include Alison Caverly, Kathryn Donoghue, J.J. Feigenbaum, Lindsey Timko, Michelle Easton, Ariel Gold and Jacob Kleinman.

The WordMasters Company, based in Allendale, N.J., has sponsored the competition for elementary and middle school students at public, private, and parochial schools all across the country for more than 10 years. The WordMasters Challenge is an exercise in critical thinking that first encourages students to become thoroughly familiar with a set of interesting new words (considerably harder than grade level) and then challenges them to use those words to complete analogies expressing various kinds of logical relationships. The reasoning ability developed by students participating in the WordMasters Challenge is like the aptitude

measured for high school juniors and seniors by the verbal SAT exam.

The WordMasters word lists and analogies have been specifically designed to challenge younger students. This is the sixth consecutive year of participation by West Middle students.

West's students will participate in one more WordMasters meet this year, and medals and certificates will be awarded in June to those who have achieved and/or improved the most.

More than three quarters of Northern Essex students are working while attending college and evening and weekend classes fit many of their schedules best.

The college will host a transfer evening for these part-time students next Thursday, April 16, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the lobby of the Spurk Building on the Haverhill campus.

Representatives from public and private colleges and universities will be available to talk with students interested in transferring to a four-year school after graduating from Northern Essex. Information on transfer policies and course requirements will be available.

Participating institutions include Bradford College, Franklin Pierce College, Lesley College, Merrimack College, New Hampshire College,

Northeastern University, River College, University of Massachusetts Lowell, and Wentworth Institute of Technology.

For more information, call Janet O'Keeffe at (978) 556-3790.

Hitting Home is a stark, realistic portrayal of abusive teenage relationships performed by high school students, with rock music and strong visual images. The play deals with the issues of dating and domestic violence, sexism and personal responsibility.

Hitting Home deals with a subject that affects many adults and children today. Find out what constitutes abuse and raise your awareness about this subject, organizers suggest.

A free performance will be held Tuesday, April 28, at Doherty School Auditorium on Bartlet Street at 7 p.m.

Doors will open at 6:30.

The play is recommended for eighth-graders and individuals, schools and church groups and other organizations looking to educate themselves about these problems, and how they can make a difference.

Hitting Home is sponsored by Quota International of Andover.

For more information, call Joyce Najjar, Quota service committee, at 475-5456.

Susan Kano, author of *Never Diet Again* and counselor in weight control and eating disorders, conducted a lecture and a mini-concert on a recent visit with West Middle School eighth-grade students. Kano addressed the common frustrations and misconceptions about weight control, why weight-loss diets don't work, how dieting can actually make one fatter, and why thinking like a dieter is counterproductive. She blended information, personal stories, humor and song into her program and provided the keys to natural weight control to help stem the epidemic of chronic dieting and eating disorders in today's schools.

Kano told how she suffered through years of dieting, followed by borderline anorexia nervosa, and brought new hope to students who might be struggling with their eating and weight.

The Art Show Spring 1998, organized by the Andover Studio of Visual Arts in Olde Andover Village, will take place at Memorial Hall Library through April 17.

A reception will be held tonight, Thursday, April 9, from 6:30 to 8.

Participating students of Betul Arin are: Derek Bird, Elizabeth Carrolo, Nathan Casto, Joey Chartier, John

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Pi Pandemonium at Andover High

By Kristen Herlihy,
Andover High School

In honor of March 14 this year, Dr. Eileen Shannon's block 2 algebra III class held a successful and entertaining "Pi Pandemonium." Numerically, the date was in the third month (3) and on the 14th day (3.14). When estimated, pi (π) can be evaluated to approximate this number (3.1428571...).

To celebrate such a day, many festivities were held. All the attractions were constructed by students in the class and were enjoyed by all who attended the celebration. One of the most creative events was the Pi Rap, sung by Mike Giles and Kevin Jordan. Using the melody from the popular sitcom *Fresh Prince Of Belair*, Kevin and Mike replaced the words of the original to fit into the Pi theme of the day. Every-

one in the audience enjoyed listening to their performance.

Many students created posters to enhance their projects. Amy Weiner assembled a circle using 500 Reeces Pieces and challenged students to find measures of it, of course, requiring the use of pi. On Andrea Gordon's poster, she investigated the circumference, volume, and area of a pie pan. Matt Beechinor's necessitated the use of pi to find the time to cut grass on Andover's Lovely Field. Caitly Murray used cones and cylinder props to highlight her poster, which called for the use of pi to find area and volume of several shapes. Matt Jaracz put together a banner which showed the numerical value of pi evaluated to several decimal places. Dan Nyberg and Brian Crow-

ley demonstrated the use of pi in probabilities on a large poster.

Other ways of using pi were illustrated also. Brad Stubeunhaus, Luis Santiago, Brian Crowley, and Dan Nyberg hosted the infamous pie-eating contest, which was won by Dr. Shannon's fellow math teacher, David Arias.

Rachel Greer and Rebecca Rouse expressed the digits of pi on edible pies and cupcakes. Art was brought into use by Sam Morrison, Leah Spire, Sarah Trumbore, Carolyn Brown, and Erica Tebbets through face painting. Of course, only pictures symbolic and pertaining to pi were drawn. A video clip was shown by Todd Sutliff and Andy Bellistri, which was followed up with a short questionnaire. A game, Pin the Pi On the Number line, was also played by much of the class, courtesy of Josh Coates and Phil Collins



Josh Coates and Phil Collins

(in photo).

Andrea Wagner's banner hung at the entrance to the classroom in which the Pi Pandemonium was being held. Jon Lakow and Charlie Gregory were brave enough to dress up as famous mathematicians. Because of their creativity, the class was graced with the presence of Sir Isaac Newton and Archimedes for all of the Block

Two period.

Many visitors attended the Pi Pandemonium, including other math teachers at Andover High School - Cory Chapman, Jeffrey Goldthwait, Ileana Kleponis, David Arias and Claire Ciampa. Everyone seemed to have an exceptional time at this gathering, and many look forward to a follow-up celebration.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what for lunch at Andover public schools the week of April 13-17:

Elementary schools

Monday: Salisbury steak with mashed potatoes, grilled cheese and soup, fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Chef's choice, cheese pizza with graham crackers, chef's salad with bread, fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Turkey din-

ner, baked chicken nuggets and puffs, cheeseburger sub with fries, fruit, milk.

Thursday: Pizza stick with soft pretzel and vegetable, hot dog with fries, chef's salad with bread, fruit, milk.

Friday: Baked macaroni and cheese with vegetable, baked chicken nuggets, bagel pizza with vegetable, fruit, milk.

Middle schools

Monday: Salisbury steak with mashed potatoes, bagel pizza, chicken nuggets and puffs, cheeseburger sub, fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Grilled cheese and soup, chef's salad, chicken McSchool, bakery pizza, fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Turkey dinner, chicken nuggets and puffs, chef's choice, bakery

pizza, fruit, milk.

Thursday: Egg McMuffin with sausage and hash browns, chef's salad, chicken McSchool, bakery pizza, fruit, milk.

Friday: Steak and cheese sub with chips, chicken nuggets and puffs, chef's choice, french bread pizza, fruit, milk.

Menus subject to change.

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Chartier, Toby
Childs, Becky
Christoforo, Margaret
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Sean Conger, Sam
Cook, Becky Cowie,
Katie Cowie, Ela
Cross, Meghan
Doherty, Charlotte
Dowden, Gillian
Evans, Alexis
Ewer, Eliot Fowler,
Mary Louise Fowler,
Alden French,
Hannah French,
Mary French,
Mikey Gentz, Caroline
Gerber, Laura
Goldshine, Peter
Hanson, Danielle
Heinle, Andrew
Jannetti, Marianna
Jordan, Asley
Kane, Sarah Keller,
Elizabeth Kelly,
Kristi Korsberg,
Julie Kutchin,
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Christopher Long,

Andrew Lundgren,
Joshua MacDonald,
Coleen Maher,
Peter Maher, Jake
Martin, Rebecca
Maura, Alex
McCargar, Rebecca
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Jocelyn Nagy, Kyle
Nagy, Karl Novick,
Monica Picard,
Evan Price, Jill
Saba, Stacey Saba,
Emily Selwyn, Jeremy
Selwyn, David
Shack, Liz Sherman,
Tripp Stevens, Emma
Sundberg, Madelyn
Sundberg, Kelsey
Thom, Gabrielle
Traub, Ryan Veira,
Hannah Westermann,
Andrew Wheelright,
Alexander Lee Yeo.

Adults and teenagers exhibiting are:
Meghan Bucu,
Molly Dawson, Lori

Gerber, Anna
Hartzell, JiEung
Jung, Lisa Litterio,
Dianne Lunt, Lauren
Marsh, Michelle
Sheehan, Allison
Swift, Bev
Therkelsen, Linda
Traub.

The Andover Fine Arts Department will present a night of jazz in the Collins Center Auditorium at Andover High School Wednesday, April 15, at 7:30 p.m. The program will begin with the Andover Middle School Jazz Band under the direction of Allan Minkinen.

This 26-member jazz band will play traditional jazz and swing-style big band music from the '50s to the modern era.

The Andover High School Jazz Band will also per-

form. The high school group is an 11-member band with alto saxophones, tenor saxophones, baritone saxophone, trumpets, piano, bass guitar, and drums, under the direction of Mark Napierkowski.

The Middle School Jazz Band will go to the International Association of Jazz Educators' Jazz Festival in Danvers Wednesday, May 6, to perform for other jazz bands and jazz educators.

Admission is free and the public is invited to attend. The Collins Center is adjacent to Andover High School on Shawsheen Road.

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The second television documentary in *The Living History*

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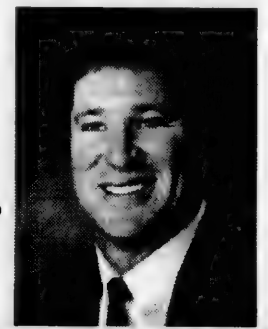


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SCHOOLTALK

Registration for **Shaw-sheen School** will take place Monday, April 13, from 7 to 8 p.m. in the school's gymnasium. The Shawsheen Integrated Primary Magnet School Program for kindergarten, first and second grades is an option available to all Andover students. Midday busing will be available in the fall, so parents will no longer be required to pick up their children after the morning session or transport them to the afternoon session.

For information, call 623-8850.

The **Parent Advisory Council (PAC)** for **Doherty Middle School** will meet tonight, Thursday, April 9, at 7:30 in McGrail Media Center. All parents are welcome.

For further information, call **Carol Baffi-Dugan** at 470-3542.

Andover ABC (A Better Chance), a non-profit organization which provides an educational alternative to academically talented minority students, intends to increase the number of young women it serves.

ABC's board of directors has announced it will offer new academic scholarships to an additional four or five young women to attend Andover High School this fall.

The expansion is possible because of the generosity of the program's supporters and the ability of its resident directors and assistant to accept more residents.

Andover ABC has graduated 105 students in 31 years, organizers said.

The **Andover High School** class of 1983 is planning a reunion.

Anyone interested in helping plan AHS 15-year reunion or anyone having names and addresses of graduates should contact **Julie (Burke) Groh**, 18 Eastfield Road, Hummelstown, PA 17036; call her at (717) 566-5838. Send her an e-mail response to: brogroh@pol.net/.

Seven **Andover High School** students were honored March 24 with the 1998 Collaborative Arts Awards, presented by the Greater Lawrence Educational Col-

laborative, in a ceremony at Lawrence Heritage State Park. **Dr. Kenneth R. Siefert**, acting superintendent of Lawrence Public Schools, gave the keynote speech and officially opened the Park's Exhibition at the Visitor's Center, which featured the students' works.

The following AHS students were honored for "Outstanding Achievement in the Visual Arts": **Jesse Stanley, John Wittbold, Kendra McDade, Lesley Ring, David Byers, Hillary Kelly** and **Melissa Stone**.

Spring term enrichment courses begin at **South School** the week of April 13. There are presently openings in the following: Study Skills: The Transition, focusing on the presentation of basic study skills required for a smooth adjustment from the primary to intermediate grades (open to third graders); Young Author's Workshop, involving children ages 7-8 in the writing process from drafting to publishing; and Minds on Math offering a variety of math enrichment in critical think-

ing and problem-solving for students grades 3, 4, and 5 who seek challenge in this area. Courses are open to students throughout town. Specific days, times, further information, and registration can be obtained at the **DCS Office** on Bartlet Street or by calling 623-8274.

Doherty Middle School is planning "A Celebration of the

Arts," in conjunction with other townwide "Arts in the Schools" events, for Tuesday, April 14, from 7 to 9 p.m. Chamber musicians and other performing artists will share their talent amidst a visual arts exhibit. Parents or teachers who are amateur or professional visual artists are invited to share one or several pieces of their work for exhibit

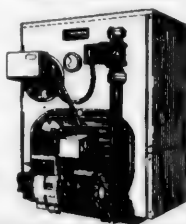
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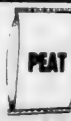
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Andrew Baron, a freshman at the University of Michigan, has been elected to the executive board of Residence Hall Association, the governing body of the 16 campus residence halls, serving more than 10,000 students.

The 1998 graduate of Phillips Academy is responsible for coordinating communication with the state of Michigan with other college RHAs as they work toward this year's statewide goal of philanthropy.

The political science and Russian major will leave for St. Petersburg, Russia, at the end of April for a six-week intensive language program.

Five Andover residents have been named to the dean's list at Boston University for the fall semester. They are **Julie A. Ahern**, **Peter B. Bolway**, **Katherine E. Reilly**, **Nicholas C. Wilson** and **Emily K. Winters**.

Justin T. Conlon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Conlon of Andover, has been recognized by the dean's list of distinguished students at the University of Richmond in Richmond, Va., for the fall 1997 semester.

Jeffrey Feinberg, a fourth-year education major at McGill University in Montreal, Quebec, is currently student teaching math and geography at Riverdale High School in Pierrefonds, Quebec.

Catherine Reed Kendrick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Kendrick Jr. of 14 West Knoll Road, has been named to the dean's list at the College of Arts & Sciences at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., for the fall 1997

semester.

Kolleen M. Cronin, daughter of Deborah and Joseph Cronin of Andover, has been named to the dean's list of the College of Arts and Sciences at Syracuse University. The first-year student is a graduate of Andover High School.

To assist students in their development of leadership and career-related skills, Northern Essex Community College has launched "Emerging

Leaders: Linking Classroom, Career and Community," a student leadership development program.

Fifty-four NECC students, who were nominated for the program by a faculty or staff member at the college, have been accepted into the program. Activities, which will continue throughout the semester, include workshops and seminars as well as mentoring and community service opportunities.

The goal of the program is to provide students with skills that not only lead to academic success and civic responsibility, but will also transfer to the world of work.

Andover students participating in the program include **Brian Anthony**, **Gazelle Aram** and **Chang-Kuang Huang**.

Donald Pattullo Jr., son of Donald Pattullo and Barbara Pattullo of Andover, has been named to the dean's list for the fall 1997 semester at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Fla. The Andover High School graduate is a member of the

High School, competing in the National Association of Teachers of Singing competition held the Feb. 15-16 weekend at Boston

University.

She was the sole scholarship recipient of \$1,000, which will be applied to the

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Kolleen M. Cronin

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school of her choice in a music-related major. This is the first time the Boston chapter of NATS has offered the

Fifty-one high school students competed in Division 1 for the scholarship and more than 250 performers participated at all levels in the event. Powers competed before two different groups of three judges before she became eligible for the finals' competition, from which three students were chosen. The adjudicators were from

New England Conservatory, Boston University and other New England music institutions.

Powers has also received an honorable mention award from the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts in the theater/spoken and musical category. She was selected from more than 5,500 students who submitted adjudication materials. Only 53 honorable mentions were chosen for theater nationwide.

Powers has been accepted to voice and musical



Jennifer Powers

theater programs at Ithaca College, University of Michigan, Indiana University and Blaire School of Music at Vanderbilt University.

Powers has been performing since she was 9 years old. She has opened Andover High School sports events and town meetings with the National Anthem. She cantors at St. Augustine Church and has sung at weddings and religious events.

Danielle A. Teves of Andover, a sophomore at Houghton College in Houghton, N.Y., has been named to the dean's honor list for the 1997 fall semester. Students on the list have earned a GPA of 3.75 or higher and are carrying full-time course loads of at least 12 credit hours.

Andover students qualified for the dean's list for the 1997 fall semester at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Undergraduate students must receive a 3.5 grade-point average or better on a four-point scale to qualify.

They are **Tamar W. Carroll** of 94 Bellevue Road, **Kevin M. Cronin** of 9 Ivy Lane, **Sean Croteau** of 7 Sweetbriar Lane, **Michael T. Dalton** of 7 Appletree Lane, **Laura E. Diamondis** of 11 Rutgers Road, **Joshua A. Hatch** of 18 Launching Road, **Tracey A. Huggins** of 500A Brookside Drive, **Annmarie C. Hussey** of 3 Candlewood Drive, **Stacey M. Lavoie** of 5 Stevens Circle, **Shannon F. Lee** of 27 Bradley Road, **Cecilia C. Lim** of 4 Blueberry Hill Road, **Jason L. Limauro** of 2 Cyr Circle, **Lori A.**

Mandel, Andrea A. Marino of 9 Spruce Circle, **Kerri L. Mazonson** of 100 Spring Grove Road, **Marc K. Menschel** of 7 Starr Ave., **Daniel J. Mooney** of 18 Chester St., **Amy J. Morris** of 9 Abbot St., **Matthew F. Murphy** of 256 River Road, **Christian R. Patti** of 9 Virginia Road, **Peter A.D. Radocchia** of 14 Woodland Road, **Ami L. Regan** of 5 Delphi Circle, **Bryan C. Roth** of 11 Seten Circle, **Christopher Stamm** of 5 Glen Meadow Road, **Anna K. Stowe** of 249 River Road, **Amy N. Twohig** of 9 Samos Lane, **Glenn J. Wakeley** of 206 Greenwood Road, **M. Abidh Waugh** of 4 Alonesos Way, **Elaine Y. Yee** of 17 Dascumb Road, and **Wenshu Yu** of 92 Greenwood Road.

Maura Wittbold of 13

Carisbrooke St., a humanities major at Union College in Schenectady, N.Y., played the part of Lucetta in a Union production of *The Two Gentlemen of Verona* by William Shakespeare.

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stern fathers and arranged marriages. The cast was comprised of 18 students.

Wittbold is a 1997 graduate of Brooks School in North Andover.

Mark Viola, son of Dave and Carol Viola of Andover, has been named to the dean's list at Embury Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, Ariz., for the 1997 fall semester. The senior is majoring in aeronautical science.

Alyson K. Druhan, daughter of Sandra Morse-Druhan of Andover and the late Charles E. Druhan, graduated from Salem State College in May 1997 magna cum laude with a major in psychology and a concentration in computers. The dean's list student was elected to Psi Chi, the psychology honor society, and was its president in her senior year. She was selected to present her award-winning psychology research paper at the Psi Chi conference in Washington, D.C., in the spring of 1997. Druhan is a major commercial accounts executive with NEC of Boxborough.

Timothy M. Abbott of Andover was named to the dean's list at Cedarville College in Cedarville, Ohio, for the fall 1997 term.

The Calvary Christian School graduate is a freshman finance/marketing major.

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with the student's work. Those who are performing musicians or who have expertise in the dramatic or dance art forms are also invited to perform solo or with other adults or students.

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The event will center in the front lobby area with performing "stages" in the media center, cafete-

ria and music rooms.

The Andover Public Schools held the fourth annual family fun night, the Great Body Shop program, on Wednesday, March 25. Some classes participated in singing a song related to the theme of health and did a dance. The music and choreography was done by Regina Stein and Beth Shiff. The songs included 1-2-3-4-5, *The Five Senses*, *Bones*, *Love your Lungs* and *The Brainy Bunch*.



◀ At the All State Music Festival at Gordon College in Wenham March 12-13, Andover High students were, from left, Chris Desjardins, son of Roger and Betty Desjardins, and Juliet and Rose Grabowski, the daughters of Ralph and Ann Grabowski. Missing from picture: Julie Hayner and Lorna Tsai.

The Doherty Middle School Academic Bowl team won a tough third match March 20 against a lively team from the Henry K. Oliver School

in Lawrence and West Middle School. The previous week, the Doherty team defeated a team from the Haverhill Street School in Lawrence and the Comprehensive

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from suburban schools with students from urban ones, which compete against other paired-up teams in matches. These matches pose rapid-fire questions in a quiz-show format, complete with buzzers, lights and scorecards.

Doherty has participated in Academic Bowl for the past six years. This year, team members have a chance to work with their counterparts from the Arlington School in Lawrence on problem-solving

challenges and questions on academics and current events. Together, they compete at matches held during the school day at various middle schools in Lawrence, Methuen, North Andover, and Andover.

Members of the Doherty team are: Shuva Chakraborty, Scott Chamberlain, Karen Chang, Will Dunn, Will English, Taylor Hender, Kaitlin Hill, Natalie Ho, Christina Kelleher, John Linnemann, Patrick Linnemann, Caitlin Littlefield,



◀ The Doherty team celebrates the announcement of its first-place finish at the Odyssey of the Mind State Finals at Worcester Polytech on March 28. Geoffrey Shulik and Alex Marsh are in the center; Jennifer Mason, Christa Milley, Gordon Hoople at left; Lea Ventura at right. Assistant coaches Kira Ventura and Amanda Barash and head coach Lorraine Mason are in the back.

Photo by Bruce Earnley

Diane Liu, Priya Sridhar and Beverly Tseng. Their faculty adviser is Elizabeth Torosian.

Shawsheen School students and staff enjoyed a visit from Casey Carle, comic and "bubble-ologist," on Monday, March 16. Carle mixed science, comedy, and Big Band-era music as he demonstrated "bubble-ology," the art of making and manipulating bubbles. He holds a degree in theater arts and is a graduate of Ringling Brothers Clown College, which is where the comedy comes in.

After a fast-moving series of bubble pictures, Carle explained that his bubble tricks are based on science, which he described as "learning cool secrets about some-

thing and how it works." Explaining why bubbles always want to be spherical, he demonstrated how to make a square one. The audience learned how to put bubbles inside of bubbles, attach bubbles to each other, and poke a straw or a finger into a bubble without breaking it. Carle placed first-grader Andy Lyman of Laura Tenero's class totally inside a giant bubble.

One of the highlights of the show was the Soap Bubble Concert, bubble-ology's answer to the soap opera, performed to the music of Glenn Miller.

Carle's visit to Shawsheen School and other Andover schools was made possible by the Townwide Cultural Events Committee with a grant from the Andona Society.

◀ "Bubble-ologist Casey Carle, comically manipulating bubbles, placed first-grader Andy Lyman of Laura Tenero's class totally inside a giant bubble.

Photo by Carol Van Doren

The 34th annual Olympiad High School Prize Competition in Massachusetts was held at high schools across the Commonwealth last fall. The 30-item, multiple-choice examination was conducted by the Massachusetts Association

of Mathematics League and sponsored by the Actuaries Club of Boston.

More than 4,300 students from 109 high school participated in the 90-minute first-level exams. The top 104 students were invited to participate in a second level three-hour examination on March 24 at various insurance companies throughout the state. Among the top finishers in this year's Olympiad are Phillips Academy students Andrew D. Warshall, a senior who ranked second with a score of 135; Sooraj B. Bhat, a junior who scored 114 to rank seventh; Andrew W. Cotton, a junior who scored 111 to rank eighth; Alexander J. Waldman, a sophomore who scored 103 to rank 19th; and Gaurav D. Gaiha, a junior who scored 102 to rank 20th.

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Travis Doucette, an eighth-grader at Doherty Middle School,

was recently named Mr. Teen Headliner at the Headliners Performing Arts competition in West-



Travis Doucette

field. This is the second year in a row Travis has won this award, which will enable him to participate in the Nation-

als in Atlantic City in July.

Travis has studied dance at Nancy Chippendale's Dance Studios in North Andover for 10 years and performed in Disney World, Atlantic City, South Carolina, Mystic, Conn., Boston and Virginia Beach.

He recently presented a tap solo portraying George M. Cohan as a teen-ager for the Paint & Powder fundraising organization of Lowell. Travis, a member of Merrimack Junior Theatre, also performed in its recent spring production of *Oliver*.

He will perform in the Nancy Chippendale's Dance Studios spring show, "Latin Rhythm." Tickets are available by calling the school.

Sanborn School fourth- and fifth-graders participated in the fourth annual Jump Rope for Heart event held Feb. 12. Eighty-five students jumped rope for 60 minutes and raised \$2,425, a new school record. The event was sponsored by the physical

education staff and American Heart Association.

David Nichols, an adapted physical educator in Andover public schools, received Amelia Riou Award for the Adapted Physical Educator of the Year. Nichols works with students who have motor development deficiencies, emotional disturbances, mental retardation, poor physical fitness levels and special disabling conditions.

Nichols has made numerous contributions to his field. He is the author of a book, *Motor Activities for the Underachiever*; has toured more than 30 public school systems to speak about approaches to identify needy students and how to meet their needs; and has trained 16 student teachers. He has served as a Special Olympics coach for more than 20 years, and is the director and founder of Project Star, which provides recreational outlets for youth in his region.

Nichols was a key member of Andover's curriculum task force that revised the K-12 curriculum, wrote the Andover Perceptual Motor Test and developed an Adaptive Physical Education handbook for staff and parents.

Minuteman Drama Club members Amy and Nicholas Pritchard from Andover recently showcased their acting talents in the school's production of *Fortress* by Michael Scanlon. Minuteman Tech is in Lexington.





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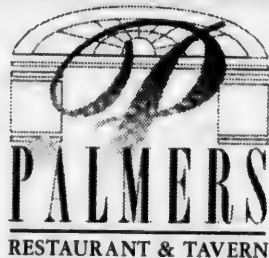
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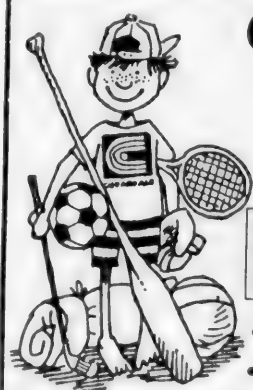
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Both Andover middle schools hosted career days last week. Town officials and representatives of a number of businesses talked with students at both schools about the kinds of jobs they had and how to prepare for a career. Above, talking to Doherty students McKenzie Jones, Tanner Efinger and Aaron Nossif are, from left, Tony Torrisi, finance and budget director; Buzz Stapczynski, town manager; Jim Doherty, town moderator; and Brian Major, selectman.



Photo by Susan Sandman

Massachusetts state troopers were on hand at West Middle School, talking with students about their jobs.



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Doherty students get a first-hand look at the life of a trucker, taking turns sitting behind the wheel of Falsal Ahmed's truck on Career Day.



Photo by Susan Sandman

Anthony Conte, a funeral director at Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, explains to West Middle students what his job is like.

SCHOOL TALK

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of the past and its impact on the future. The examination of fascinating lives, masterpieces of art and famous historical documents set the tone for celebrating those who challenged the limits of their times. Through this study, participants gained an appreciation for people and their works that have withstood the test of time, organizers said.

Nancy Skaliotis, CMT, of Abbot Street was a music therapy clinician at the Massachu-

setts All-State Music Educator's Conference, March 12-14, at the Ferncroft Resort in Danvers. Her session was entitled "Music For All Children, Strategies for Success."

For the past three years, Skaliotis has served as the music therapy chairperson and presider of all music therapy sessions at the conference.

She is a certified music therapist in the special education department of the Haverhill Public Schools. She received her master's degree in music therapy from New York Uni-

versity and completed postgraduate work and clinical training at Columbia University. Skaliotis has worked as a consultant and clinician in public and private schools, clinics, hospitals, and early childhood centers. She is a member of the Mass. Music Therapy Alliance, American Association of Music Therapy, New England Chapter of Music Therapy, and Mass. Music Educator's Association.

Once again Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley Inc. is sponsoring its intergenerational poster contest "What I Like About Older People."

The contest centers around

original artwork, drawn by children at the elementary level throughout the Merrimack Valley and Southern New Hampshire, with categories for grades 1-3 and 4-5.

Judges from the community select one poster for each category for a first-, second- and third-place cash prize. One additional poster is selected and the artwork is printed on T-shirts for the annual Walk-For-Elders fundraiser held each fall. Contest winners and their families are invited to a celebration reception in May timed with activities for Older Americans Month. "The theme, 'What I Like About Older People,' helps to keep

attention focused on encouraging children to look at the positive aspects of aging and the important roles older people play in their daily lives," said Bonnie Sisson, contest coordinator.

All entries need to be in by April 30 and must include the name, address, phone, age, grade and school of the entrant.

All posters become the property of Elder Services. Guidelines will be mailed out to elementary schools in the Merrimack Valley and Southern New Hampshire.

For more information, call Bonnie Sisson at 683-7747.

OBITUARIES

Helen E. Solow Retired administrator had moved to Andover to be closer to her family

Helen E. Solow, 90, of Washington Park Drive died Thursday, April 2, at Academy Manor Nursing Home.

Miss Solow was born in Yonkers, N.Y. She had lived in New York City until 1993 when she moved to Andover to be closer to her family.

The executive administrator graduated from Columbia University's Business School. She had worked for the chief of residency at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital, for Bellevue Hospital and Warner-Lambert Co. in New York City.

After she retired, Miss Solow coordinated volunteer activities at Symphony Space in New York City and was a reader for the blind. The avid Scrabble player enjoyed time with her "great" great-nephews, Andy and Eric.

Members of her family include her brother, Robert Solow; sister, Ruth Berthold; three nieces; one nephew; and four great-nephews.

Arrangements were by Charles F.

Dewhirst, Edgerley and Bessom Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Symphony Space, 2537 Broadway, New York City, NY 10025, or to Family Service Inc., 430 North Canal St., Lawrence, MA 01840.

Dr. Asha C. Khasgiwala Began her practice in the area in 1978

Dr. Asha C. Khasgiwala, 55, of Andover died Wednesday, April 1, at home.

Dr. Khasgiwala was born in Indore, India. She graduated from MGM Medical College there and obtained multiple postgraduate specialization degrees in obstetrics and gynecology in India, the United Kingdom and United States.

Dr. Khasgiwala was a fellow of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology and the Royal College of Surgeons. She was an assistant professor at Tufts University School of Medicine and a member of national and state medical societies.

She began her practice in the Greater Lawrence area in 1978.

Dr. Khasgiwala was active in many cultural groups and was a former vice president of Jain Center of Greater Boston.

Members of her family include her husband, Dr. Chandra Khasgiwala of Andover, an otolaryngologist in the Greater Lowell area; and son, Dr. Vaibhav Khasgiwala, currently completing his residency in internal medicine at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston.

Arrangements were by Dewhirst and Conte Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Khasgiwala, care of Education Fund, Jain Center of Greater Boston, 15 Cedar St., Norwood, MA 02062.

Viola F. Donovan Formerly of Ironstone Farm

Viola F. (May) Donovan, 97, of Ironstone Farm and formerly of Somerville, died Friday at Academy Manor Nursing Home.

Born in Somerville, Mrs. Donovan had worked for the city's treasurer.

She was a member of Catholic Charities of Greater Boston, St. Theresa Mother's Club and St. Catherine Sodality.

She was the widow of William J. Donovan Sr. and Edward G. Donovan.

Members of her family include her sons Richard A. Donovan and his wife, Bernadette, of Andover, with whom she lived, Robert J. Donovan and his wife, Florence, of Bedford, and William J. Donovan and wife, Esther, of Somerville; daughter Claire Mountain and nephew David Manning, both of Winchester; and 21 grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Donovan was also the mother of the late Mary V. Vocell of Andover.

At the request of the family there were no calling hours and the services were private. She is buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, Medford.

OBITUARIES

Marcella M. Beshara, 60

Walter L. Clark, 72

Lester P. Condon, 75

Viola F. Donovan, 97

Dr. Asha C. Khasgiwala, 55

Shirley M. Lamb, 85

Frances M. Larson, 76

Mark Messina, 32

Paul H. Phaneuf, 83

Helen E. Solow, 90

Evelyn S. Weidman, 87

Cyrus A. Yaffe, 69

Deaths Elsewhere

BESHARA - Marcella Maryann (Bolis) Beshara, 60, of Salem, N.H., died Monday, April 6, at home after a long struggle with cancer.

Members of her family include her daughter, Leslie A. Beshara of Andover.

CLARK - Walter L. Clark, 72, of Lawrence died Thursday, April 2, at Lawrence General Hospital.

Members of his family include his brother, Raymond Clark, and sister, Genevieve Stedman, both of Andover.

CONDON - Lester Patrick Condon, 75, of Alexandria, Va., and Sarasota, died Wednesday, March 18.

Members of his family include his wife, Vera (Crossley) Condon, formerly of Andover.

LAMB - Shirley M. (Merrill) Lamb, 85, widow of Roland A. Lamb, died Friday at Phillips Andover Nursing Home. She was a native of Westfield, N.J. Her body was donated to Harvard Medical School.

LARSON - Frances Muriel (Beaton) Larson, 76, of Milbridge, Maine, died Saturday, April 4, at an Ellsworth, Maine, hospital.

Members of her family include her daughter, Signe Kaleel of Andover.

MESSINA - Mark Messina, 32, of Concord, N.H., died Friday, April 3, at Beth Israel/Deaconess Medical Center in Boston after a long illness.

Members of his family include his father, Joseph Messina, and stepmother, Dawn Metcalf, both of Andover.

PHANEUF - Paul H. Phaneuf of Malden died Wednesday, April 1.

Members of his family include his son, Gregory F. Phaneuf, and grandsons, Matthew P. Phaneuf and Mackenzie L. Phaneuf, all of Andover.

WEIDMAN - Evelyn S. Weidman, 87, of Reading died Saturday, April 4, at Golden View Nursing Home in Meredith, N.H., following a long illness.

Members of her family include her son, William K. Weidman Jr. of Andover.

YAFFE - Cyrus A. Yaffe, 69, of Newton died Saturday, April 4, at Newton Wellesley Hospital.

Members of his family include his son, Scott Lebowitz of Andover.

OBITUARIES

The *Townsmen* will publish obituaries of Andover residents without charge.

The paper also will publish without charge a short announcement of those people who died and did not live here, but are related to someone who lives in Andover. This listing will include the name of the deceased, where he or she lived, when he or she died, and names of relatives in Andover. Those who wish to have a complete obituary published about a person who did not live in Andover can pay for a death notice. The cost of a death notice depends on the length of the notice. Questions? Call Jack Grady or Taylor Armerding at 475-1943.

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HOLY WEEK, EASTER & PASSOVER SERVICES

Baptist
Andover Baptist Church
7 Central St.
Rev. Thomas Goldthwaite,
Pastor

HOLY THURSDAY: 7:30 p.m., Tenebrae service in Fellowship Hall, communion, scripture and candles.

GOOD FRIDAY: 8:15 a.m. Prayer walk with Christian churches of Andover, begins and ends at St. Augustine Church; noon Ecumenical service.

EASTER SUNDAY: 6:15 a.m., Community sunrise service at Prospect Hill; 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:45 a.m. Family worship, child care for preschoolers; 11:55 Coffee.

Bible chapels
New England Bible Church
60 Chandler Road

Rev. M. E. Thompson III

GOOD FRIDAY: 7 p.m. Music, sermon; 8:15 p.m., Baptism at Andover YMCA.

EASTER SUNDAY: 6 a.m. Sunrise service on Holt Hill at Ward Reservation; 8:45 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., Sunday school; 10 a.m. Worship; 6 p.m. Evening worship.

Catholic
St. Augustine Church
Rev. Arthur Johnson,
O.S.A., Pastor
43 Essex St.

HOLY THURSDAY: 7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's supper.

GOOD FRIDAY: noon ecumenical service at Andover Baptist Church; 3 p.m. stations of the cross; 7:30 p.m. celebration of the Lord's passion.

HOLY SATURDAY: 7:30 p.m. Easter vigil celebration.

EASTER SUNDAY: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m., Mass in church; 8:05 a.m., 9:35 a.m., 11:05 a.m. in St. Rita Hall.

St. Joseph's Church
22 High Vale Lane
Ballardvale
SUNDAY: 10 a.m. Mass.

St. Robert Bellarmine Church
Rev. Arthur J. Driscoll,
Pastor
Haggetts Pond Road

HOLY THURSDAY: 7:30 p.m. The Solemnity of the Last Supper will feature the washing of the feet and eucharistic procession. The Blessed Sacrament will be reserved in the Eucharistic Chapel from after the ceremony until midnight.

GOOD FRIDAY: 8:30-10:30 a.m. Prayer walk will begin and end at St. Augustine parking lot; 3 p.m. Stations of the Cross. Outside stations will be used, weather permitting; 3:40 p.m., Confessions; 7:30 p.m. Solemnity of the Passion and the Mass of the Pre-Sanctified. Hosts consecrated on Holy Thursday night will be distributed as Holy Communion.

HOLY SATURDAY: Noon Blessing of Easter food. This is an old Eastern European custom of the bringing of the food to be eaten at Easter to the church for a blessing. Instruction sheets are available in the foyer; 10:30-11:30 a.m. and 3-4 p.m. Confessions; 7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil begins.

EASTER SUNDAY: Masses at 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

Charismatic
Lord's Gathering Church
Ramada Rolling Green
311 Lowell St. (Route 133)

EASTER SUNDAY: 9:30 a.m. Resurrection service, amphitheater, Easter egg hunt during children's service, childcare and nursery provided.

Congregational

Free Christian Church
Rev. Dr. Jack L. Daniel Jr.,
Senior pastor
Tim S. Boynton,
Associate pastor
31 Elm St.

MAUNDY THURSDAY: 7:30 p.m., Candlelight communion service.

GOOD FRIDAY: 8:30 a.m. Prayer walk begins at St. Augustine's Church.

EASTER SUNDAY: 9 a.m. Worship; 11 a.m. Worship, child care for infants through age 4.

Episcopal

Christ Church
Rev. James A. Diamond,
Rector
Rev. Donald R. Woodward,
Assistant minister
25 Central St.
475-0529

MAUNDY THURSDAY: 7:30 p.m. Holy Communion candlelight service. An all-night vigil follows the liturgy.

GOOD FRIDAY: 8:30 a.m. Ecumenical Prayer Walk; Noon Ecumenical service at Andover Baptist Church; 2-5 p.m. "Discovering the Passion" for children ages 4 through grade 5; 7:30 p.m. The Way of the Cross liturgy with hymns.

SATURDAY: 8 a.m. Pancake breakfast, Easter symbols and egg hunt.

EASTER SUNDAY: 8:50 a.m. Children's liturgy in North Chapel. 9 a.m. Holy Communion Rite II with festival music; 11 a.m. Holy Communion Rite II with festival music.

Interdenominational
BrookRidge

Community Church
16 Haverhill St. (Route 133)
Rev. William D. Watson,
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EASTER SUNDAY: 10:30 a.m. "A Fresh Expression of God's Love."

Jewish

Congregation
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501 South Main St.

FRIDAY: 7 p.m. Seder conducted by Rabbi Mark Newton, the first night of Passover.

Lutheran

Faith Lutheran Church
360 S. Main St.
Rev. Jonathan T.
Heydenreich
Pastor

HOLY THURSDAY: 7:30 p.m. Holy Communion.

GOOD FRIDAY: 7:30 p.m. Service.

EASTER SUNDAY: 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., Holy Communion. Nursery care provided at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services.

Unitarian

Unitarian
Universalist Congregation in Andover
6 Locke St.
475-4454

Rev. Peter T. Richardson
Minister

FRIDAY: 6:30 p.m., Seder ritual and dinner to celebrate Passover.

EASTER SUNDAY: 10:30 a.m. Worship. "An Infinite Expectation..." will be the Easter theme.

United Church

of Christ

South Church
41 Central St.
Rev. Dr. Calvin F. Mutti,
Senior pastor

MAUNDY THURSDAY: 7:30 p.m. Communion Tenebrae.

EASTER SUNDAY: 6 a.m. Sunrise service at Missionary Rock on Phillips Academy campus; 9 a.m. Service with choir, brass quintet; 10:30 a.m. Service with choir, brass quintet, children welcome at all services, infant care available.

West Parish Church
129 Reservation Road

MAUNDY THURSDAY: 7:30 p.m. Service.

GOOD FRIDAY: 8:15 a.m. Prayer walk with Christian churches of Andover begins and ends at St. Augustine Church; Noon Community service at Andover Baptist Church.

EASTER SUNDAY: 9:30 a.m. Worship; 11 a.m. Worship.

United Methodist

Ballardvale United Church
(United Methodist and
United Church of Christ)
23 Clark Road
475-2506

Rev. Allen Bryan,
Pastor

MAUNDY THURSDAY: 7:30 p.m. "Is it I?" the Last Supper and service of Tenebrae, Holy Communion.

EASTER SUNDAY: 8:30 a.m. Service; 10:30 a.m. Service, music by youth and senior choirs, Holy Communion.

Guest chamber musicians to perform at Phillips Academy

The Phillips Academy music department will present guest and faculty musicians in a chamber music recital next Saturday, April 18 at 7:30 p.m. The featured performers are violinist Elizabeth Lim (Steve Reich Ensemble), violist Lawrence Dutton (Emerson String Quartet), and pianist Diane Lim (Longy Artists Ensemble and the Phillips Academy piano faculty).

Works to be performed include Bohuslav Martinu's *Three Madrigals for Violin and Viola*, Dmitri Shostakovich's *Sonata for Viola and Piano, Op. 147*, Johannes Brahms' *Sonata for Viola and Piano, Op. 120, No. 1 in F Major*, and the Boston premiere of George Tsontakis' *Requiescat*, a short work for viola and piano that was commissioned by David Milofsky for his father, Bernard, a violist with the famed Kolisch String Quartet.

This program, free of charge and open to the public, will take place in the Timken Recital Room in Graves Hall located on the corner of School and Main Streets on the Phillips Academy campus. Any inquiries regarding this performance may be directed to the Phillips Academy music department, (978)749-4263, or music@andover.edu.

Violist Lawrence Dutton performs more 100 concerts each season with the world renowned Emerson String Quartet and has won four Grammy Awards includ-

ing the most recent for Best Chamber Music Performance of the complete string quartets of Beethoven on the Deutsche Grammophon label.

They are also the only chamber music ensemble to win Best Classical Album (the complete Bartok string quartets).

As soloist, Dutton has appeared with the Aspen Festival Orchestra, the Antwerp Philharmonie in Belgium, the Toledo, Hartford, Omaha, Richmond and Anchorage orchestras, as well as guest artist at the music festivals of Aspen, Santa Fe, Ravinia, and Chamber Music Northwest. The current visiting professor of viola and chamber music at the Hart School of Music and the University of Hartford, he will travel this summer to teach with Isaac Stern at the Third Jerusalem International Chamber Music Encounters in Israel, and perform at the Caramoor and Aspen Music Festivals as a member of the Masters Quartet.

Pianist Diane Lim received her bachelor and master of music degrees from the Juilliard School of Music in New York, where she was awarded the Josef Lhevinne Prize for a high record of achievement in piano. She received her Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the Eastman School of Music, where she was awarded the school's prestigious Performer's Certificate. She has studied piano with Rosina Lhevinne,

Martin Canin and Barry Snyder. Lim was formerly on the piano faculty at SUNY-Geneseo and the Hochstein Music School in Rochester, New York. She has been on the faculty at the Longy School of Music since 1987, and was recently appointed to the piano faculty at Phillips Academy. She performs regularly in the Boston area as a member of the Longy Artists Ensemble.

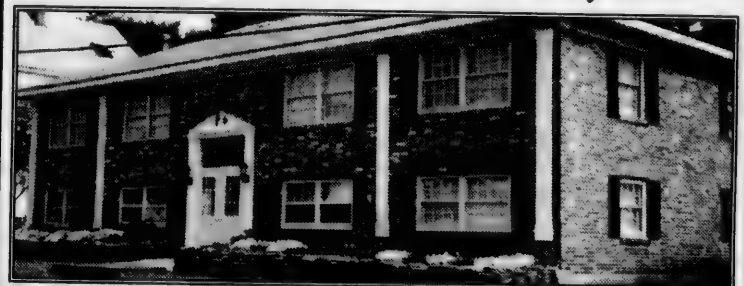
Violinist Elizabeth Lim-Dutton has performed extensively in the United States, Europe, and the Far East. She has appeared as soloist with L'Orchestre de Bayonne-Cote Basque and the L'Orchestre de Bordeaux, the Nebraska Chamber Orchestra as well as with Philharmonia Virtuosi of New York. Lim attended the Professional Children's School in New York City, received her bachelor's degree from the Juilliard School of Music where she studied with Dorothy DeLay, and a master of Music degree from the Yale University where she studied with Paul Kantor. In New York City, Lim appears regularly with the Orchestra of St. Luke's and the New York Chamber Symphony, has toured for two seasons as concertmaster for the New York City Opera National Company, and is currently concertmaster for the Broadway revival of *Rodger and Hammerstein's "The Sound of Music"*. As a chamber musician, Ms. Lim has appeared as guest artist with the Laurentian and

Mendelssohn String Quartets as well as with the Emerson String Quartet and has performed extensively as a member of the Diamarel Trio, the

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Still stuck in the middle

By Rebecca Lipchitz

While the immediate battle over a proposed new middle school has ended, the war is far from over.

Following a vote by the School Committee last week to withdraw an article seeking support for the proposed school from the Town Meeting Warrant, both the Committee and the school's most vocal opponents say they are willing to sit down and discuss the middle school issue like adults. But neither side seems willing to trust the other to come to the table with an open mind.

CUBA (Citizens United for a Better Andover), a group of about 200 members, have been organizing opposition to the proposed school since late last year.

Resident David Aldrich says the School Committee's decision to withdraw the article from the warrant was a minor victory for CUBA.

"It sounded to me like the reasoning behind it was that there wasn't enough support. I would have preferred to put the warrant aside, form a task force and hammer out what is the real need," Aldrich says.

School Committee member Tina Girdwood is putting together a committee to handle the planning and promotion of the middle school plan from here on, but hasn't decided on the final makeup.

So far, she plans to have two members each from the Board of Selectmen, School and Finance committees, Townwide PTO and other community representatives.

"(But) I don't know if we necessarily have to include (CUBA) if they've got a set agenda. If people are just determined that this should not happen that's fine, but I'm trying to get people to come together around a solution," Girdwood says.

The two sets of questions the group-in-form will face are from town officials like Selectmen and Finance Committee members, and those from the community.

"We really need people who are willing to listen and have an open mind about the whole thing," she says.

Girdwood says fliers distributed by CUBA contain misinformation designed to "incite" people, while Hart says he thinks the School Committee aims to "inflammate the



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Carlson — "This is not a NIMBY approach."

citizens" to support a new middle school without considering other town necessities like repairs to roads and sewers.

CUBA members say they want to be involved in finding a solution to space needs.

"We're going back where we started, which is to quality education," says CUBA member John Carlson. "We're going to stay town wide."

Carlson says their supporters come from many neighborhoods across town, not just the Cross Street neighborhood for which the new school was proposed.

"It's important for people to realize this is not a NIMBY (Not In My

Back Yard) approach," Carlson says.

Asked if there is any way CUBA members could be convinced of the need of such a plan, founder John Hart said he wanted to "keep the option open," but that the group is focused on pushing alternatives to the plan.

"We strongly believe the School Committee should actively look at expanding (other school buildings) or (building) a smaller school somewhere else," Hart says.

Aldrich says he could be convinced that a middle school should be built if the plan was sound and backed up by demographic evidence.

He would rather see more money spent on keeping student/teacher ratios low, on technology and on attracting and retaining the best teachers.

Hart agrees. "New buildings don't teach our children," he says.

Hart says the petition CUBA submitted to the School Committee asked them to include CUBA representation on middle-school planning issues, they haven't heard a reply.

Girdwood says that since the new group includes many town staff and elected officials, they probably won't get down to business until after Annual Town Meeting which is scheduled to begin April 28.

Warrant ...

(Continued from page 1)

could potentially finish in three nights instead of the five originally projected, because so many articles, including two important middle-school construction proposals, will be withdrawn.

Although the 1998 warrant comes to residents packed with a whopping 106 articles, town officials and some private residents sponsoring articles already say they plan to withdraw about 16 of them, says Selectmen Chairman Bill Downs.

This should bring 1998 Town Meeting more in line with the annual town meetings of the last five years that have carried between 62 to 89 articles.

Naturally, there will be some articles that draw a good deal of debate this year. An effort to create a wetlands bylaw has the potential to create a splash, as the town seeks to curb development near wetlands and water resources. Many residents are expected to support the effort to slow growth and preserve open space

while developers and others with construction interests may try to sink the article.

But Town Meeting will still experience some major withdrawal symptoms.

Residents are not expected to vote on two articles seeking to build a grades 5-8 middle school on Cross Street. One of the articles seeks approval for architectural and engineering services needed to plan the school itself, while the other is for the sewer-line plans needed to connect a sewer line to the school. Both are now expected to be withdrawn and returned at a fall Special Town Meeting.

Among other articles expected to do a now-you-see-it, now-you-don't-routine are articles to:

- limit the number of yard sales and institute fines for yard sale law breakers;
- create a retail-friendly district downtown;
- permit the town to enter into a lease with Phillips Academy to use Williams Hall as a senior center; and
- build sidewalks on more of Chestnut Street.

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Board games

What does the retirement of Jerry Silverman mean for the Board of Selectmen?

By Neil Fater

The selectmen's nameplates sat on the meeting-room table Monday as Bill Downs and Larry Larsen led the new board into their first real meeting. Seeing Brian Major's seat next to his, Larsen swept Major's nameplate to the other side of the table and swung John Hess' plate next to his own.

With 18-year selectmen Jerry Silverman no longer around, there probably will be far more substantial maneuvering by board members than switched nameplates. But one thing's for sure. Things will definitely change.

As School Committee member Eric Nadworny says, "You can't replace someone who's been on the board for 18 years with someone new and expect there to be no difference."

Today, the selectmen consist of a pair of veterans, Larsen and Downs, who often disagree, and a trio of newcomers with less than three years experience between them. As a result, both the selectmen and those closest to them see a different polish coming to the board.

Although no one is quite sure what specific issues might be affected by the addition of Lori Becker's vote, Selectmen Brian Major says it's possible both a youth and senior center could be built close together to share field space, considering Becker's desire for a community center.

Major favors a "campus" idea, and in the past, Larsen has also called for a community center. Silverman suggests downtown issues he supported, such as creating an overlay district and solving parking problems might be addressed with greater vigor because Becker is a former head of the Andover Center Association.

Among general changes people expect are that selectmen will be:

- More open to new ideas and changes;
- More likely to question officials and have long discussions, a goal of new Chairman Bill Downs; and
- Less likely to have someone working behind the scenes and promoting an agenda.

It's possible these three changes could add up to more lengthy, controversial meetings and close votes.

Although it's easy to read too much into a meeting or two, with John Hess absent from Monday's meeting, the selectmen voted a pair of 2-2 dead-



Photos by Lisa Adelsberger

New blood — Selectmen Lori Becker and John Hess, shown at their swearing-in ceremony, have been involved in community life for years, but have less than 18 months experience between them on the board.

Chairman Downs now center stage

The retirement of Jerry Silverman may affect new selectmen Chairman Bill Downs more than any other selectmen. On this, nearly all the selectmen agree.

"Bill's role definitely changes significantly. He was a person who didn't speak much unless it was a financial issue," says Selectman Brian Major. "Now he's got to voice himself and control the meeting."

"He'll spend more time with the town manager and will be the key person in dealing with the Finance Committee," says Silverman. "His role of being chairman will be a major change."

Under Silverman, Downs sat at the far end of the selectmen's table and had resigned himself to being on the short end of 4-1 votes. As chairman, Downs moves to the middle of the table — and to the middle of town discussions.

Selectmen, including Downs, wonder how meetings will be changed.

"Jerry (Silverman) really could control a meeting well. He knew if someone was out of order and could explain why. He was able to keep the pace of the meeting going so there wasn't a lot of double talk," says Major.

"The election of Bill Downs to be chairman brings a different type of personality in that position. Meetings will run differently," says John Hess.

Downs says he wants to promote more discussion, and Silverman also believes there will be more discussion and questioning of issues with Downs as chairman. Silverman says he was shocked when he switched over to the local cable station Monday at 11 p.m. and saw the selectmen's meeting still going.

Other changes can already be seen in the way meetings are handled.

For instance a couple of weeks ago, after selectmen had finished with all of the items on the agenda, Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski asked the board to act on a few more issues. Selectmen agreed and quickly handled a few more items. Stapczynski then



Old hand, new job — Bill Downs has been a selectman since 1987, and was last chairman of the board in 1994.

asked for another vote.

But with the clock approaching 11 p.m., Chairman Silverman called for adjournment, banged his gavel down and declared the meeting adjourned.

"I didn't vote for that," said John Hess. But the meeting was over.

Last Monday, well after 11 p.m., Stapczynski again asked for selectmen to take a stand on Town Meeting articles that weren't on the agenda. Larry Larsen and new Chairman Downs protested that because the items weren't on the agenda they weren't prepared to vote, but Stapczynski continued to discuss the items.

"I guess he didn't get the message," grumbled Downs.

Larsen then called for adjournment, which was seconded by Downs. But the vote to adjourn was lost 2-3. Major, Lori Becker and Hess, the three junior members of the board, voting to keep the meeting going.

— Neil Fater

locks, prompting Major to quip, "It's like a tennis match."

"Jerry (Silverman) always made sure things were under control. He didn't like it when things got controversial," says state Rep. Barry Finegold (D-Andover), who served on the board with Silverman, Larsen and Downs. "Jerry wanted the schools to open on time the streets to be plowed and people to have a nice peaceful place to live."

Finegold says Silverman was also a man who worked behind the scenes to resolve issues and push his agenda. He knew who to talk with to accomplish Andover's objectives.

Silverman agrees with this assessment, and doesn't believe anyone will assume his role as chief grassroots lobbyist. "I don't see too much of that happening. I think there will be a lot of good communication," says Silverman. "I think the dynamics will change quite a bit with Lori (Becker) joining the board."

Under Silverman's leadership, officials occasionally would refer to something that happened years ago as an explanation for a recent decision.

Now, "Budget heads will have to be better prepared to defend their budgets," says Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski. "I don't think we'll be able to rely on 'We did it that way last year.'"

Stapczynski says he expects lots of "lively discussion" and "good debate," with the new board, terms used by others to describe what is to come.

"There's a lot more negotiating, there's a lot more talk, there's a lot more questions being asked," says Becker. The board is "definitely" more open than the board she watched before she was elected, she says.

Becker says before the election, "I never felt like I couldn't ask anything, but ... well, it's really a good group of people here."

Finegold has seen the difference between the two boards already. A few weeks ago he asked the selectmen to deal with a transportation issue and was dismissed by Silverman, who said he had never received a call about the problem. After Silverman's retirement, Finegold returned to the board and was given more substantial support and direction from the board.

Taking the lead

One of the key questions to be answered in the coming year is who will assume control, or at least give substantial direction to,

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On special ed: Is it just a question of resources?

By Rebecca Lipchitz

While the close-knit nurturing atmosphere of the Shawsheen Integrated Primary School is one of its greatest strengths according to parents and teachers, it may also be the school's greatest weakness, according to some parents of children with special needs.

While providing students with special needs the individual care required is complicated for any school, it is particularly complicated for the Shawsheen, a magnet school opened in 1990 that now serves children in kindergarten through second grade.

The school is designed to be small and intimate, and while that atmosphere is particularly appealing to parents who know their child needs extra help, the school is so small that it doesn't have room to provide all the extra help that other schools do, says Principal Theresa Murphy.

Specifically, Shawsheen does not have a teacher or classroom dedicated to special ed, while other neighborhood schools have one or more.

Shawsheen also does not have any special ed assistants, or aides in the classroom assigned to a particular student, according to Shawsheen learning specialist Carol Buchanan.

The school does have part-time help of a learning disabilities tutor, a speech and language tutor and an adaptive physical education teachers. The School Department also contracts out the help of an occupational therapist, Buchanan says.

While Murphy and Pupil Personnel Director Mary French agree that the reasons Shawsheen can't provide as much as other schools are lack of space and money, French emphasizes space, while Murphy focuses on funds.

Buchanan also talks about a money shortage, and adds that Shawsheen staff has fought for special ed resources, and other resources, since neighborhood schools often come first on the budget.

But some parents say those explanations aren't acceptable, and that more should be done to accommodate special needs students at Shawsheen.

"They don't have the resources to handle a lot of issues, and I'm concerned about the way other children with special needs have been handled in the school," says Anne Chay, a special needs teacher herself and former head of the special needs Parent Advisory Council (766 PAC).

She and other parents say they found Shawsheen to be a perfect match for students with minor disabilities, but some parents don't buy school officials' contention that they can't provide more.

Parent Barbara L'Italien moved her son from Shawsheen to his neighborhood school in the middle of his first-grade year, and is now sending him to a school designed to handle his type of disability.

But the process that led to such placements was a cold one that left a bitter taste, she says.

L'Italien says the reason her son was not provided with everything he needed at Shawsheen wasn't a question of resources, but an unwillingness to provide.

"They gave us a really hard time and made us uncomfortable. They didn't want any child with an established diagnosis of a disability," she says.

A small number of parents who asked not to be identified echoed her complaints, citing what they came to know as an unwritten rule that disabled students would not be accommodated at Shawsheen.

Some parents say they took the hint and have been happy with their neighborhood program. Others say they found out the hard way, but administrators maintain they've been up front about the school's limits.

Regarding L'Italien's case, Murphy says they tried their best, as they do with every student, and expects he could have had the same experience in any other neighborhood school since special needs programs vary from school to school throughout the system.

The confusion arises, they say, in the individualized and developing nature of special needs in young children. Such needs usually become apparent between kindergarten and first grade, Murphy says.

The nature of special needs in developing students makes school placement tricky for parents and teachers who often wish they had a crystal ball to look to for help, says Betsy Jankauskas, special education liaison for Shawsheen.

Many specialists are reluctant to label such young children with disabilities because they develop at such varied rates, she says.

"It's not necessarily a predictable science," she adds.

Murphy says that if the school has a question about a student's abilities, it is better addressed before first grade, so a child won't have to transfer schools later.

Mother of a special needs student herself and current head of the 766 PAC, Kari Hoffman says she considers it

her job to help parents learn to get the help they need from the entire school system, not just one school.

"It's hard for parents, and can be a heart-wrenching experience. When they (students) are really young, there aren't a lot of years to get used to the fact that your child is different," Hoffman says, who aims to help parents pick the battles that best serve their children.

Most parents of special needs students interviewed by the *Townsmen* for this story agreed that the teachers at Shawsheen and other Andover schools were consistently willing to adapt to special needs of students, and blamed administrators for the brick walls in their path.

Chay praised teachers and tutors, but agrees that the tone of reception is key in developing an inclusive atmosphere. "If it's not handled well, it's a traumatic experience," Chay says.

Parent Richard Wilson says he is less concerned about sugarcoating and more concerned about getting the facts on what the school can and cannot do.

"For me, getting the data is the most important thing. You don't have to be nice to me. I look for the teacher that is forthright. They know they can't handle (certain disabilities) but parent's don't know that going in," he says.

One element that adds to confusion is the preschool program at Shawsheen. About 40 students aged 3-5, including regular education and students with identified special needs, attend preschool at Shawsheen in a program separate from the K-2 magnet school.

The state requires every town to provide certain services for children aged 3 and older with identified special needs. The integrated preschool provides that, and is jointly run by town Pupil Personnel Director Mary French and Murphy because she is head of the building.

While a few parents maintain that the openness to disabled students ends there, French and Murphy maintain that they do their utmost with what they have.

French says some students are moved out of their assigned neighborhood school into another as they are moved out of Shawsheen because it isn't financially possible to provide every program in every school.

"I think Shawsheen (staff) are anxious for kids to get what they need," French says, and sees that "You can't get it here," can be perceived as "We don't want your kid." But if there were space and money, she would gladly add a contained special education class to the magnet school, she says.

Shawsheen ...

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But the term "integrated" means something different for each program.

The preschool program for ages 3-5 integrates regular education students and students with special needs. It is run jointly by Murphy and Pupil Personnel Director Mary French.

The Shawsheen is a K-2 magnet school available by choice to children in any Andover neighborhood, mostly on a first-come, first-served basis, Murphy says.

For the primary school, "integrated" means "interdisciplinary," Murphy says.

Every year the school adopts a theme for each of three categories: conservation, preservation and exploration.

The respective themes this year are trees, endangered species and outer space. The themes are explored through language arts, science, social studies, math and health classes to the extent they are relevant, Murphy says. Music and physical education also incorporate the themes, she says.

While students are studying outer space this year, inner space has become something of a problem for Shawsheen.

The primary school has fewer resources for students with special needs than the neighborhood elementary schools. This lack, which has caused problems for some parents, is the result of a lack of space and money, says Murphy.

But most parents say they love the

integrated program and cozy atmosphere of the school.

"There's a real feeling of security and community spirit," says parent Susan Richardson, a past president of the PTO.

Administrators say it is the teachers' ability to get down to business that has perpetuated Shawsheen's success.

Parents agree. They say the staff has managed to retain a feeling of intimacy, in spite of the school's growth spurt that doubled its population in the last seven years.

Parent Deborah Toriano, mother of one Shawsheen graduate and two students enrolled today, says her family chose Shawsheen not because of any lack in their neighborhood school, but because, "It really focuses on 5-, 6- and 7-year-olds. They put all of their energy in that age group and work in teams across grade levels."

A parent of a former Shawsheen student, Nina Senator agrees.

"The teachers are very developmental-focused. They're very synergistic in their philosophies," she says.

Murphy credits that to planning. The small staff of nine teachers meets on weekly, quarterly and yearly to plan the curriculum on various levels, Murphy says. They also collaborate on any hiring of staff, an opportunity learning specialist Carol Buchanan calls a "luxury."

Buchanan, a teacher involved in the school's formation, says keeping the curriculum cohesive is easy when everyone participating has the same philosophy.

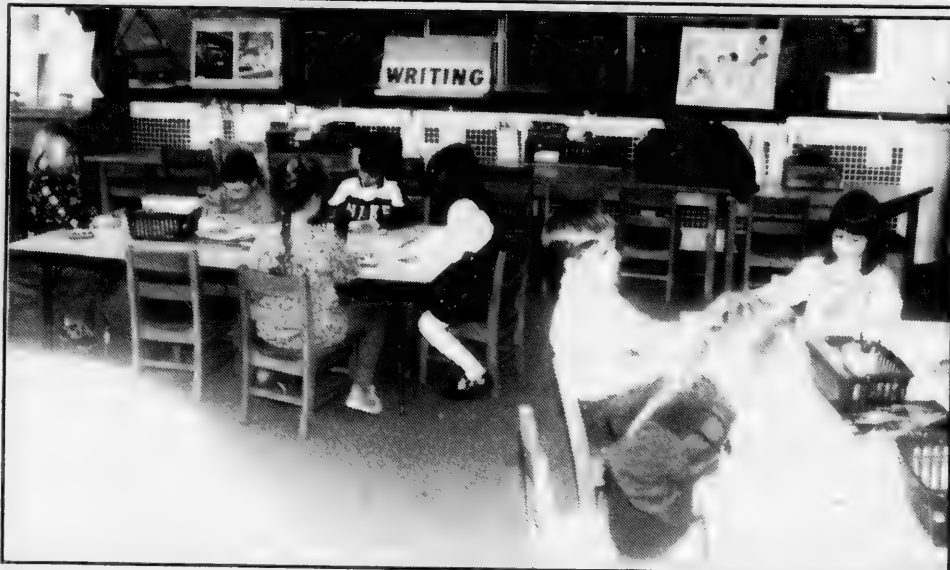


Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Lots of space? While it doesn't look crowded, this is the auditorium at the Shawsheen school, which is now devoted to class and art space.

"As we interviewed we knew we were getting people who wanted to work the way we work. They all knew teaming was the issue," she says.

Toriano adds that the clarity of mission and cozy atmosphere is welcoming for parents as well as students.

School Committee Chairman and former Shawsheen parent Eric Nadworny says he believes the opportunity to choose the school attracts a committed base of parent volunteers, who tend to continue volunteering throughout the school system as their children grow.

Parents agreed that graduation from Shawsheen is easy for second graders, since they have a chance to be seniors and role models by second grade.

They also credit the transition program run by Buchanan who works with all the neighborhood schools to pave the way.

Nadworny says one extra perk of Shawsheen when his children attended was the SHED (Shawsheen Extended Day) before and after school programs housed on the Shawsheen campus. The SHED program is slated to move to the Phillips Academy Campus next year.

A hot time at Jerry Silverman's roast

By Neil Fater

After 18 years of listening to former selectman Jerry Silverman dominate discussion, some of his closest friends and colleagues finally had a chance to have their say at a roast in his honor, April 2.

What they said, in effect, was "There goes a great man — just ask him."

Yet when all the smoke and snickers had cleared, the more than 280 people on hand gave tribute to a man who's served Andover as a teacher, coach and leader. Silverman is also seeing to it that the proceeds from the \$35-per-plate dinner will equally benefit programs for seniors and youth.

But knowing Silverman is now done as a selectman chairman, town officials stuck him with more than just a fork. They ribbed him about everything from his golf swing to his coaching "ability."

Athletic Director Jim Hurley was on a basketball team that Silverman — ahem — led.

"He became an inspiration to me because I knew if a guy like him could get a teaching and coaching job, I had a future," said Hurley.

"His idea of an unnatural act is to pick up a check," said Selectman Larry Larsen.

Fellow long-time educator and resident Dick Neal poked fun at Silverman's ego.

"He doesn't like us to make a fuss over him. He'd rather we treated him as we would any other great man,"

said Neal. "This is the same guy who gives his mirror a bow."

"Jerry had to be reminded several times that he wasn't the chairman," said former selectman Charlie Weston.

Silverman said the highlight of the evening for him was a song about his life, set to the tune of *Hava Nageela*.

After the song, Selectman Brian Major presented Silverman with an oversized top hat and sash and declared him "Andover's first and

last honorary mayor," a title many feel he's eyed for some time.

But those who think they've seen the last of Silverman beware. Not only will Jerry Silverman himself be around, but he could be grooming another generation.

Silverman gave his mayor's hat to his grandson Brian and both were seen at Andover Bank Saturday morning enjoying the politician's traditional discussion-and-donuts breakfast.

Then again, as state Representative Barry Finegold declared, Silverman has always appealed to many generations — with his wardrobe. Finegold said Silverman has a jacket from the '70s, a tie from the '80s and pants from the Great Flood.

"It was fun," said Silverman, who had his chance to address the crowd at the end of the evening. "Actually, I had more to say but my wife gave me the signal."

If only his fellow selectmen had known that signal all these years ...

Jerry Silverman

[Sung to the tune of *Hava Nageela*]

Jerry Silverman, Jerry Silverman,

He's not a townie,

He's Lawrencian.

He married Myrna, He married

Myrna, He married Myrna

Moved to Dufton Road.

He's not a NIMBY man

He is a union fan

He is a great man

Jerry Silverman.

He went to Salem High

And fired the coaching guy.

He made the news that night

Oh, what a fight!

Ooo, aah, ooo, those fireworks.

Hide your wallet, here comes Jerry,

Hide your wallet, here comes Jerry,

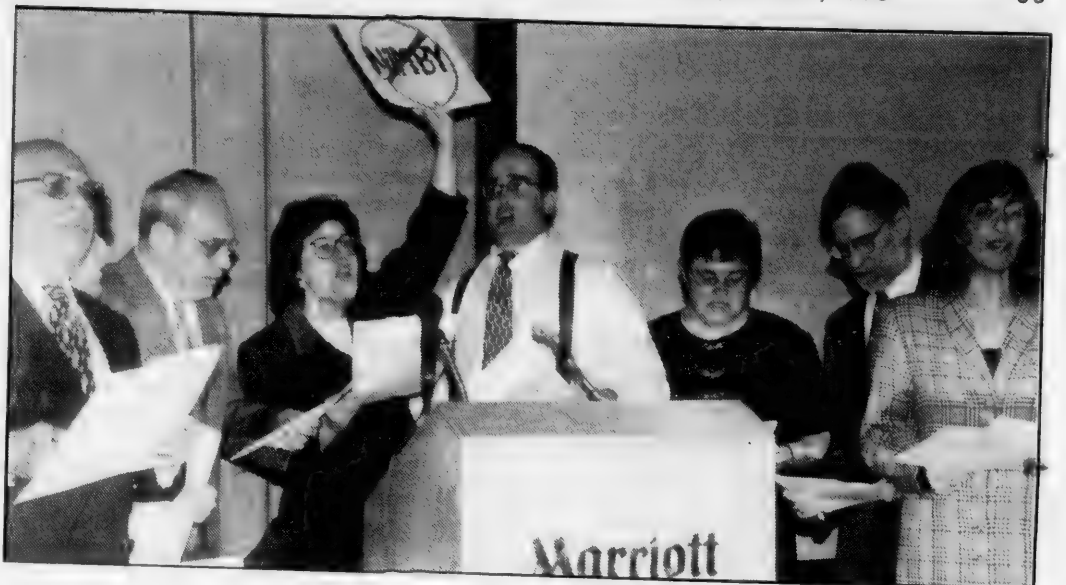
Give him money, he'll be merry

Give him money, he'll be merry

Fireworks!

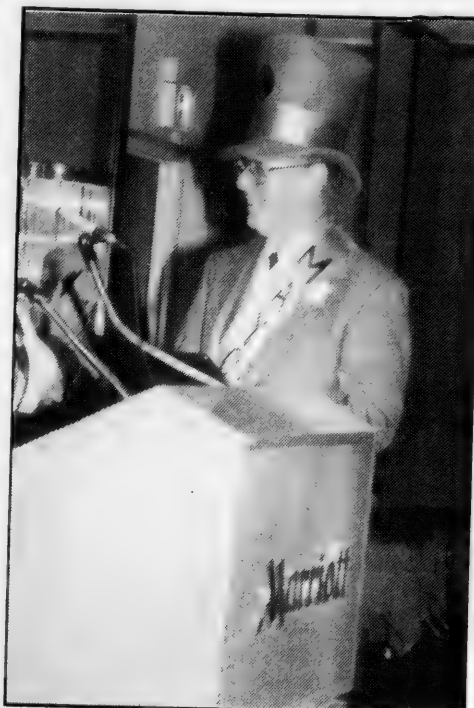
Fireworks!

10s and 20s, please!



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Well done — Selectman Brian Major (suspenders) leads his troops including, from left, Tom Koravos, Selectman Lori Becker (partially hidden), Ted Georgian, Sandy Stapczynski, Colleen Georgian, Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski and Betty Bigelow, in a rousing musical tribute to retired selectmen chairman Jerry Silverman. At right, MC (and Selectman) Larry Larsen made sure the roasters got singed a bit themselves. Below right, Silverman enjoys one of many laughs at his expense, and below, he receives a top hat to use when he becomes mayor of the City of Andover.



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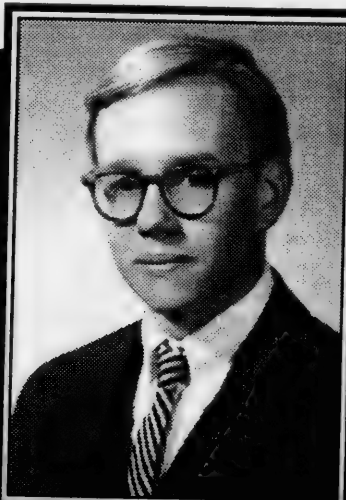
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POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Wednesday, April 1 - At 7:36 p.m., after a 47-year-old Andover man walked into the Park Street Pub bleeding from the mouth and apparently intoxicated, he was taken into protective custody.

Friday, April 3 - At 4:27 p.m., Jamie Hicks, 21, of 31 Shawsheen Rd., Andover, was arrested at the station and charged on a warrant for fines.

Saturday, April 4 - At 8:55 p.m., David R. Bachinsky, 39, of 14 Basswood Lane, Andover, was arrested at his home and charged with two counts of assault and battery.

Sunday, April 5 - At 6:04 p.m., Rodger Y. Fitzgerald, 32, of Baldwin Street, North Andover, was arrested on Interstate 495 and charged on warrants for fines.

Monday, April 6 - At 1:40 p.m., William W. DeRosa, 21, of Fieldstone Court, North Andover, was arrested on Union Street and charged with driving with a suspended license.

Tuesday, April 7 - At 11:32 p.m., after an Andover woman asked to speak to an officer about a problem she was having with an ex-boyfriend and another man reported his ex-girlfriend's father banging on his door and threatening him, Todd M. Denish, 21, of 52 Haverhill St., Andover, was arrested at home and charged with assault and battery.

INCIDENTS

Wednesday, April 1 - At 9:07 a.m., a

man reported having words with a landscape-truck driver who poured a cup of coffee on his vehicle.

At 10:52 a.m., an Andover High School official asked to see an officer concerning two students who assaulted each other and were at the clinic. Later an officer planned to file a trespassing charge against one of the youths who continued returning to the school despite "being kicked off the property twice today."

At 5:15 p.m., a woman reported back on March 28 she had seen a man standing in Spring Grove Cemetery with his pants around his ankles and his hand near his genitals. She said the man did not seem to match the description of the flasher who has been bothering Andover residents since last year.

At 9:28 p.m., a Mary Lou Lane caller reported "a very loud scream" coming from an area estate. An officer reported "a large family of foxes live there."

At 9:49 p.m., a Whittier Street man reported someone had entered his apartment with a key and taken his furniture, TV and some other items. An officer reported the incident was a civil problem between a boyfriend and his girlfriend.

Thursday, April 2 - At 1 a.m., Marriott security reported a problem with a female harassing another female guest. An officer reported the first female though she was at a room where she had earlier been with a man, but was

mistaken. She had gone to the wrong room.

At 10:47 p.m., an Andover male reported having a problem with sister. "The 10-year-old sister was cranky, and having been spoken to has gone to bed," reported an officer.

Friday, April 3 - At 5:05 p.m., Super-value reported an assault and battery that occurred Feb. 20.

At 5:52 p.m., a restraining order was served to an Andover man.

Sunday, April 5 - At 4:17 p.m., two youths with paint-ball guns had the guns confiscated and an officer planned to summons the two juveniles into court. The youths had been talked to on Friday about the use of the paint guns.

Monday, April 6 - At 10:28 a.m., a woman reported her nephew had been assaulted at the Greater Lawrence Technical School.

Tuesday, April 7 - At 1:03 p.m., a caller reported that an Andover man's young daughter had called him at work and told him that a paper hanger had exposed himself to her. The Andover man was on his way home to Andover. A sergeant reported there was no criminal activity involved.

CAR BREAKS

Wednesday, April 1 - At 2:32 p.m., an Marriott Hotel employee reported someone had taken a spoiler from her vehicle.

Friday, April 3 - At 11:29 a.m., a vehicle stolen from Andover was recovered in Lawrence.

Saturday, April 4 - At 10:34 a.m., a Tage Inn customer reported his or her car stolen.

Monday, April 6 - At 3:57 p.m., Digital security on Dascomb Road reported an attempted theft of a car from their parking lot.

THEFTS

Wednesday, April 1 - At 10:57 a.m., a Dawg City employee reported the theft of an air conditioner.

At 12:55 p.m., an officer was to file on the use of a bad check on Main Street.

At 8:52 p.m., someone at Bertucci's Pizzeria reported the theft of a radio. The caller believed he or she knew who had done it.

Thursday, April 2 - At 3:39 p.m., a NYNEX employee on Shattuck Road reported \$514 missing from a company

safe. The money had last been counted March 24.

Friday, April 3 - At 9:43 a.m., someone tried to use a bad check at Elm Street Auto on Lupine Road.

At 6:20 p.m., an Andover High School student reported her wallet had been taken from her backpack on March 31.

Saturday, April 4 - At 2:14 p.m., a woman at the Ramada Rolling Green reported the theft of merchandise from her table at a Beanie Baby show.

Sunday, April 5 - At 10:49 a.m., an Acorn Drive woman reported the theft of a hockey net from her yard.

ACCIDENTS

Thursday, April 2 - At 10:13 a.m., the animal control officer requested an ambulance for a patient complaining of neck and head pains from a motor vehicle accident on River Road.

VANDALISM

There were seven cases of vandalism reported, including paint-ball damage to Photo USA, and the destruction of four paintings at the Ramada by hotel guests who offered to pay for their replacement.

Venting frustration

Home heating systems with horizontal vent pipes could be causing carbon monoxide leaks in so many homes manufacturers have issued a recall.

According from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, the pipes could crack or separate at the joints and leak potentially deadly carbon monoxide.

The recall applies to the gray or black high temperature plastic vent pipes (HTPV) bearing brand names Plexvent, Plexvent II or Ultravent stamped on the pipe or printed on stickers that connect the joints. The recall does not apply to vertical pipes, but does apply to horizontal furnace pipes that go through sidewalls.

White PVC or CPVC pipes are not being recalled, the CPSC said in a

report.

A group of 20 furnace and boiler manufacturers united in funding reimbursements of about \$180 per job for replacement costs. Information is available at 1-800-758-3688.

The manufacturers participating in the recall are: Armstrong Air Conditioning, Inc.; Bard Manufacturing Co.; Burnham Corp.; Consolidated Industries; Crown Boiler Co.; The Duncane Co. Inc.; Dunkirk Radiator Corp.; Evcon Industries Inc.; Hart & Colley Inc.; Heat Controller Inc.; International Comfort Products Corp. (USA); Lennox Industries Inc.; Nordyne Inc.; Peerless Heater Co.; Pennco Inc.; Plexco Inc.; Raypak Inc.; Rheem Manufacturing Co.; Slant/Fin Co.; Trianco-Heatmaker Co.; Utica Boilers Inc.; Weil-McLain; Westcast Inc.; York International Corp.

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Dr. Joseph Harrington is a licensed psychologist who has maintained a private practice in psychotherapy in Andover for over 30 years. Dr. Harrington specializes in treating individuals, couples, and families who are experiencing relationship problems. Another area of expertise is the treatment of persons suffering from the effects of prolonged stress, tension, and alcohol dependence. He is skilled in utilizing the tools of Behavioral Medicine including clinical hypnosis and hypnotherapy. Another focus of Dr. Harrington is working

with executives on strategies to help them assure organizational health and insure appropriate future growth. Starting with the special needs of business executives, he helps them to grow their organizations and employees to be leaders in this rapidly changing world of technological innovation and international competition. Previously, Dr. Harrington was the Director of Psychological Services at Merrimack College. He was a Professor of Psychology there and established the psychology major at the college. He has been Coordinator of

Professional Services at several rehabilitation centers dealing with alcoholism and drug treatment and prevention, and served as Assistant Superintendent of a maximum security prison. Dr. Harrington's office is located at 24 York St., Andover. If you would like to explore the possibility of consulting with Dr. Harrington concerning your company's direction, career paths for yourself or your employees, or about personal and/or family issues, please call for an appointment at (978) 475-5392.
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Space crunch, traffic frustrate commuters at train stations

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help him determine if the parking problem at Andover's two MBTA stops is enough of a train wreck to warrant corrective action by the state.

If residents believe there is a problem, Finegold says a possible solution could be to reopen the old Shawsheen Village railroad station that has been closed since the 1960s.

Before he begins trying to reopen the station, he wants to hear a town-wide discussion of what the problems are. But he believes reopening the station could help relieve a number of traffic problems, including those on Interstate 93.

"If we can't supply adequate parking for people to have their cars, you give them a disincentive to use public transportation," says Finegold. "I've been awakened, having been into Boston myself, to how big a pain it is to get into Boston from Andover. And it's expensive."

At the Railroad Street station near downtown Andover, the response was mixed Monday over both what the problems are and even more so over whether reopening the Shawsheen station would provide the solution.

Dale Pierson, a Robandy Road resident who takes the train daily, says having two stations "is sufficient," while her husband Arthur says, "The real problem here is the horrible traffic pattern."

The nearest outlet from Railroad Street is an awkward five-way intersection on a steep hill, and traffic can back up there. At the other end of Railroad Street is a supermarket and traffic light.

Mike Fitzgerald, of Worthen Place says, "The biggest thing is to have more trains."

But there does seem to be decent support for reopening the Shawsheen station, particularly from those who live in northern Andover or who drive to the Andover station from towns north of Andover such as Haverhill, Lawrence and Methuen. They say three stations in town would not be a crowd.

"It's not a bad idea," says Walter Gillis, a Methuen resident who works in Andover. Gillis says his wife has been taking the train for 13 years, and he picks her up and drops her off in



Photos by Lisa Adelsberger

Reopening soon? State Rep. Barry Finegold says he's considering an effort to reopen the Shawsheen Village MBTA station to relieve parking congestion at the existing two stations.

Andover every day.

"There's a lot of people who would rather go there (to Shawsheen). I have to leave my house a half hour earlier than the train comes to get a space," he says.

Raso and her friend Denise Whalen, who says she lives on Hillside Road, also indicate a third station could be the charm.

"I get here sometimes at 7 a.m. and everybody's double parked. They're parked all over," says Whalen. "Come here at 7:15 in the morning and see what it's like."

The Shawsheen station is located off Haverhill Street in northern Andover. If reopened, it would create three Andover stops. Currently there are two — one in the center of town off Railroad Street, and another in Ballardvale,

southern Andover, off Andover Street.

Finegold says it wouldn't cost much to reopen the Shawsheen station because the train already goes by it on its daily runs. But Finegold would almost certainly need to broker a deal with Marty Spagat and Brickstone Properties, which are located right next to the station, if the state is to provide parking, he says.

"I think a lot of people would like a Shawsheen train station, but you have to have adequate discussion with the neighborhoods. If we can provide adequate parking — whether it be at Brickstone with a trolley running or elsewhere — maybe people would entertain it," says Finegold.

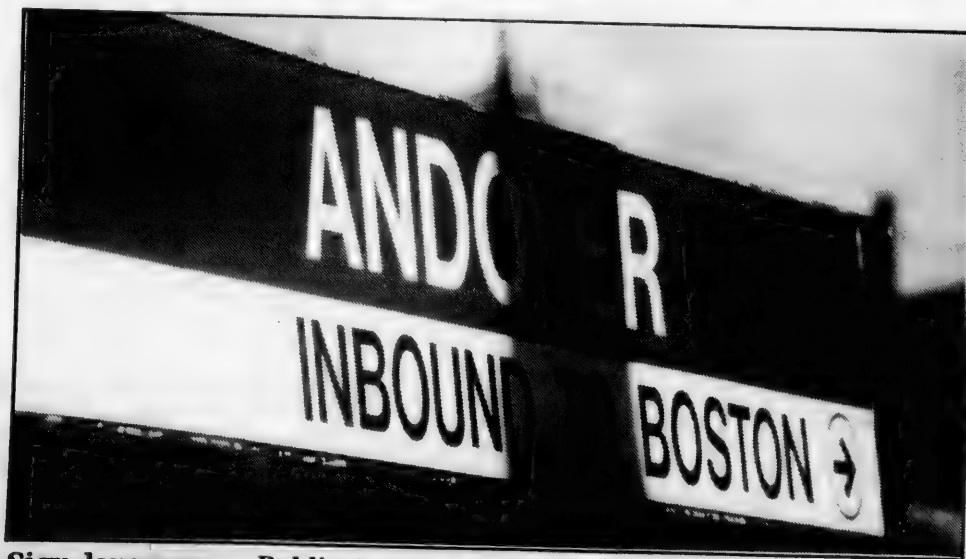
Selectman Larry Larsen agrees its time for commuter parking issues to be addressed, but offers an alternative

solution. He wants to see a double-deck parking garage at the current site of the Railroad Street MBTA parking lot — provided the state pays for it.

"I do see that as an issue for the future, and I think the state's going to have to come through with the money," says Larsen. "That parking lot's chock full. But the town can't pay for (another deck). We don't even own the land. The MBTA does."

Finegold has appeared at two selectmen's meetings asking the town to work with him to determine and solve the problem, and selectmen now appear more open to addressing the issue. In his first attempt, Finegold was rebuked by long-time selectman Jerry Silverman, who told him he had never received a call about the issue.

But Silverman is now off the board.



Sign language — Public transportation is fairly popular in Andover, since, as state Rep. Barry Finegold notes, driving is difficult and expensive. But traffic and parking troubles at train stations create a disincentive to use the train, he believes.



It's the traffic — Arthur and Dale Pierson say they think two local stations may be sufficient, but that the traffic patterns make it a nightmare to get there.

Old ball game ...

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ston Street and Brookline Avenue. It could have, woven into it, all of the architectural quirks we love between the white lines on the field.

- The first item to be commissioned would have to be the 37-foot-tall Green Monster, including the Yawkeys' message of love (in Morse code) inscribed on it; and the beautiful green-light, red-light glow of the mechanical scoreboard.

- The centerfield triangle.

- No-man's-land in the stands behind third base.

- The 290-something-foot left field foul line.

- The 9-4-1-8 numbers on the right-field roof facade.

- Incomparable skyline views, including the Citgo sign in left, and the old John Hancock beacon not flashing red (in the summertime) in right.

- The small red Jimmy Fund donation mailbox, on the ramp under the PR office, gets me every time. I thought it was a nice touch when it was briefly onscreen in *Field of Dreams*.

- The Fenway ushers and the seen-it-all ticket-takers.

- The roof boxes in May; the bleachers in July vs. the Yankees (*hiss*); behind the first-base dugout in September. Or October! The Sox on horseback!

YES, WE HAVE NO AMENITIES

However, there would be a few things the Sox should lose in their eventual move.

- The seats. [But this being Boston, they would be sold or raffled off.] These seats were designed for midgets. Your knees touch the seatback in front of you. Elbows have no place to go. God forbid you're near the end of a row filled with fans on a bus trip from some Rhode Island tavern, who spend the whole game getting up and going to the men's room.

- Speaking of the bathrooms... The men's rooms are generally disgusting, and it's easy to see that women cringe as they exit the "ladies' rooms."

- The Fenway food selection is pathetic. Just pitiful. And there's not a speck of ethnic food there, unless you count pretzels or Cracker Jacks. They might want to consider doing away with the tepid Fenway Franks entirely, not just tomorrow for Good Friday and the start of Passover. I celebrated the day Harry M. Stevens was no longer a partner and the Sox concessionaire a few years ago, but offering chowder isn't much of an improvement. [Hint: This is why the vendors outside the park do so well.]

- Why is the music in-between innings so lame? Is it possibly the worst in the major leagues? I've been to more uplifting funerals than some of the torpor that passes for audio entertainment here. Sure, John Kiley's organ-playing is gone (who could forget his *Hallelujah Chorus* after a come-from-behind win, or his *Stout-Hearted Men* after winning a close one), and we miss Sherm Feller on the public address microphone. But this is one area that needs an immediate prescription, something a little more pulse-producing, between hip and Geritol, maybe.

Is the Impossible Dream album on CD yet?

TAKIN' CARE OF BUSINESS

It would appear the Sox still have some bad karma to get rid of before they're going to wind up as World Champs.

- Signing Mo Vaughn would be near the top of this list.

- Not allowing a guy who keeps lizards in his apartment to be a close adviser to general manager "Stonewall Dan" Duquette.

- Forget the Curse of the Bambino. In my opinion, until the Red Sox finally wake up and retire Tony C's number, 25, they're not going anywhere in October.

It's a disgrace that it's being worn this year in an outfield where all three fielders put

together won't hit 25 home runs among them.

REASONS TO BE CHEERFUL, PART III

Having Jim Rice as batting coach, and the Sox No. 1 in hitting. Nomar!

Not having Don Zimmer to kick around anymore. Morgan Magic. Not having to listen to Bob Montgomery ("Boggsy," "Hursty," "Geddy," "Greenie" and "Clemmings") on TV color commentary anymore. Bill Lee for President! (Uncle Joe disagreed with me on that one.) In the pitching department, not hiring as coaches Bob Stanley ("A million dollars a year for hitting a beachball with a rake" was my uncle's assessment of him) — or Bob Ojeda ("Ojeda? Oh Jesus, Mary and Joseph," he'd say).

I'm glad the Marlboro cowboy billboard is finally gone... It cancelled out some of their Jimmy Fund charity efforts. A bit more of the bad karma has been snuffed out.

Sox management got the fans' message last season, and shipped out the abusive Wil Cordero (he's Chicago's problem now).

And slowly but surely, getting rid of the Redneck Factor is something to celebrate. Mike Greenwell is gone, wrestling 'gators somewhere in Florida.

Wade Boggs is gone; currently referring to himself in the third person in Tampa Bay. [Memo to Sox management: If your players

can't handle the nightspots of Providence, how're you gonna keep them focused once they get to tropical Tampa?]

And Roger Clemens is gone. I thought Clemens — if he didn't renew his contract with the Red Sox for 1997 — with all of his diplomacy skills would elect to replace then-outgoing UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali. The timing was perfect. He could fire hamburg rolls at scribes he disagreed with; would never have to carry his own luggage (diplomatic immunity); could find out where international adversaries lived... but instead he said Yes to Canada, took Toronto's money last year and went across the border. *Buh-bye*.

Instead we can now say hello to Pedro-mania!

OPEN UP THE PEARLY GATES

Uncle Joe assures me that baseball is played in heaven, but with three major differences.

No. 1, they serve lobster rolls (all you can eat).

No. 2, twi-night doubleheaders are a regular part of the schedule. (There are no rainouts.)

And No. 3 — perhaps the biggest difference between baseball in heaven versus here — in heaven, there are no greedy, selfish players or owners.

They're all someplace else.

► Jack Grady is assistant editor of the *Townsmen*. He can be reached at: jgrady@andovertownsmen.com

NESWC opponents unite

If you missed your chance to oppose the operation of the NESWC incinerator at last night's hearing in Haverhill, you can quench your environmental thirst at a forum Thursday, April 16 on "Alternatives to Incineration: A Forum on Reduce, Reuse, Recycle."

Activists and public health officials including representatives from the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, DEP, MassPIRG, the Massachusetts Audubon Society and People for the Environment are expected to attend and discuss "concrete steps which municipalities can take to reduce their waste stream," organizers say.

The forum is scheduled for 7-9 p.m. at the South Lawrence East School.

Andover's Kay Frishman of Family Service, Inc. says she's expecting a large turnout.

Last night after *Townsmen* press time, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental

Protection held a hearing on proposed regulations for local incinerators.

Local environmentalists were planning to "storm" the hearing before it began, and to conduct demonstrations in front of Haverhill City Hall where the hearing was scheduled.

They expect more than 200 people at the hearing.

— Rebecca Lipchitz

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LETTERS

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Hallways of the school are also used to instruct students. Tutors and assistants, as well as instrumental instructors, use the corridors of West Elementary to teach their students, because no other restricted space is available.

Let's return to the school cafeteria now. West Elementary does not have dedicated space for its art classes. Art classes have been taught for years in the back of the cafeteria without access to any sinks for clean-up of both children and work areas. These classes take place during non-lunch hours. A cart is wheeled to classrooms to cover the lunch-time classes, as well as to cover classes that cannot fit into the cafeteria due to the large number of students in the building.

In addition to these problems of instructional space, the West Elementary cafeteria has a seating capacity of 300 children for each lunch period. Yet, during these lunch periods, 350-380 children arrive to have lunch. How is this possible? Well, students have about 10 minutes to eat, due to the length of the lines plus the need to clear seats quickly so someone else can sit down. Also, there is no guarantee of a seat for lunch for each child each day. Many do not get one.

In conclusion, as you can see, overcrowding issues are not confined merely to Sanborn. Any solution will have to be a townwide. Next year, West Elementary will have nine fifth grades, which will displace our fine arts program even further. The issue of overcrowding will not go away and must be addressed by the citizens of our community.

Janet L. Bloom
36 Lincoln Circle East

Scouts have a right to exclude gays

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I am responding to Dr. Miller's letter ("Gays in the Scouts is a local issue," *Townsmen*, March 5). First, the Boy Scouts are a private organization and have the right to hold their convictions before God and their country. Homosexuals have chosen to identify themselves with their sexual organs rather than their abilities to lead or their minds. Since they have chosen this identify, it is of great concern to have them in authority over these boys. We would not put a sex offender in a school because of what they have chosen to do with their sexual organs either.

Andover has dealt with this in the past. God says a lot about the act of homosexuality. He is against it. All through the Bible there are many Scripture verses that tell of God's hatred of this act. It goes against what He created (see Genesis, 2 Peter and Romans in the Bible).

God also tells us that He loves the person and He provided a way (see John 3:16). All true Christians know this because we, too, came out of sin and we cannot judge another human's heart, only the act against God. We are known by our actions.

I am sorry that many, as Dr. Miller pointed out, have taken their life over a

sexual act that has not proven to be hereditary. This is a terrible loss to families, friends and the community. There are organizations that can help them, such as Exodus International, (415) 454-1017, if they choose to seek help.

Johanna Lunger
8 Basswood Lane

Balance the rights of humans and birds

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Piping Plovers 7-Humans 0 — some changes are needed

On Monday, we went to the beach on Plum Island in Newburyport for the first time this year, and the last — until at least August.

All seven of the federal beaches are given over entirely to the nesting of Piping Plovers starting April 1. We humans will not be able to enjoy the water, air or sun until the summer is nearly ended.

I worked in paper recycling most of my life. My wife and I enjoy birding, and were lucky enough to see the Piping Plovers and Whooping Cranes in Texas this last winter. We are not anti-bird.

However, humans have right too! We will be 67 shortly. We, too, are endangered.

There should be a more equal arrangement. Humans should be given access to more beaches or parts thereof. This is needed, especially during the traditional beach days when we New Englanders renew our souls after the long icy winter. We still had snow in the shade behind our house when we went to the beach.

Raymond H. Berger
4 Timothy Drive

Don't fear a 5-8 middle school

Editor, *Townsmen*:

The School Committee has voted to withdraw Article 29 from the town warrant. It called for an appropriation of \$2,350,000 for architectural and engineering services for a proposed new grades 5-8 middle school.

The pressing need for additional spaces in the middle and elementary schools is widely accepted, but in response to the concerns of the Finance Committee, the selectmen, and many citizens, it seemed wisest to postpone our request until more data is assembled and alternative solutions can be reexamined.

However, there is one concern about our proposal that I do not believe needs to be revisited. This is the concern about changing to a K-4, 5-8 grade configuration — a fear that fifth graders are not ready for a middle-school learning environment, and that the influence of older students will be harmful to them.

Anxiety about change is natural, but I have come across no evidence that 5-8 middle schools do not serve fifth graders as well as other configurations.

Last year a number of our elementary teachers and parents visited several nearby 5-8 middle schools. In every case they found a high degree of satisfaction with the educational experience of the students, both from what they observed and from what they heard from the faculties. Their reports were especially meaningful

because several of these Andover people said that before they actually visited the 5-8 middle schools, they had been skeptical about mixing fifth grade with the upper grades.

In several meetings with PTOs, we have heard from Andover parents who are teaching in other school systems with 5-8 middle schools. Without exception, their comments about such schools were favorable. Their reactions are confirmed by several Andover administrators with extensive teaching experience in 5-8 schools.

The fifth-grade academic content would be same under a new configuration, since it is determined primarily by the statewide frameworks and the Andover system's benchmarks. Of crucial importance is the quality of the teaching. In new 5-8 schools, most of the fifth-grade teaching would be handled by the same teachers currently teaching fifth grade in our elementary schools.

It's significant that the state's curricular standards (as well as those of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, for example) are framed in a K-4; 5-8; 9-12 context. So there is nothing radical about the proposed change.

What about the influence of older students? In 5-8 middle schools, fifth- and sixth-grade classrooms would be generally separated from those of grades 7 and 8 in such a way as to minimize interaction between the two groups outside of class.

Furthermore, fifth- and sixth-graders would be grouped separately from the seventh- and eighth-graders for social activities. Note that pairing the sixth grade with fifth grade could tend to slow down the sophisticated influence of the seventh- and eighth-graders on the sixth-graders.

As far as contact between fifth- and eighth-graders on buses is concerned, we should note that St. Augustine's has been busing children from grades 1 to 8 together for years without reported problems. If we believe that our eighth-graders will be corrupting or predatory to the younger students, then we have a far greater problem on our hands than anyone has previously indicated — one that needs to be addressed in more fundamental ways than keeping fifth-graders away from them.

Frank Eccles
Brookfield Road

[The writer is a member of the Andover School Committee.]

Epstein doubts quote

Editor, *Townsmen*:

In the April 2 paper you say "... Martin Epstein has said he doubts the seniors would choose Williams Hall for the new center" (New middle school off the warrant," *Townsmen*, April 2).

I don't believe I ever said that, nor did I mean to imply that in any comments I may have made to you or to others. There are many unknowns to the Phillips Academy site. We have not had a chance to evaluate these as yet, and until we do it is impossible to speculate with any sound basis in fact as to where we will build the new center.

These include the cost of renovating and adding to a very old building and the limitations this puts on our ability to build a senior center that will serve the

needs of the Town of Andover. We are close to hiring an architect whose first assignment will be to quantify these.

There are some obvious advantages to the Phillips site, including a location near downtown, a nice campus setting, and the intergenerational association of seniors and students. These are very attractive but by themselves don't define the suitability of a site as a long term, practical location for a new senior center.

Martin Epstein
Homestead Circle

CUBA: time for a middle-school forum

Editor, *Townsmen*:

It has been said that information is knowledge. That is what our group, Citizens United for a Better Andover, has promoted through its flier campaign regarding the Cross Street Middle School.

We don't profess to know all the answers. We do believe, however, that the most important issues have now been framed as a result of the process that led to Warrant Article 29 being withdrawn from Town Meeting.

The information we have communicated has come mostly from publicly-available documents produced by the town itself. Unfortunately, there are lots of data, but little real information. And little of that is decipherable by the ordinary, very busy citizen. This situation continues to exist, despite the town spending \$230,000 to date on the project.

After the Town Meeting closes, we propose to take this process one step further by having a cooperative issues forum involving school and CUBA members. This forum would be best run by the League of Women Voters, and would involve pre-defined questions, plus call-in questions from viewers on a local cable hookup. This issues forum would help further educate the public.

For two months we have engaged in public debate. It was gratifying to finally see recognition in the *Townsmen* last week that we have a space problem now, not three to five years from now when a new middle school would open.

Where we disagree is on the best solution for students, teachers and taxpayers. We believe we should put money into tools, technology, training and affordable classroom space that is available right now.

We do not believe that we should put excessive amounts of tax dollars into an expensive new building that won't be available until several years from now when the space problem will be solved naturally by demographic changes.

We also do not believe that huge new building operating costs and even greater administrative overheads will contribute to quality education.

Anyone who thinks that ours is a West Andover focus is truly mistaken. We say let the chips fall as they may by getting more information out to the public through an issues forum. Any takers?

Citizens United for a Better Andover
Executive Committee
Warren Kearn
John Carlson
John Hart
Laura Martin

Board ...

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the board.

With Silverman gone from the board, Finegold says Stapczynski, along with selectmen Larsen and Downs, may need to provide the town with more direction than they have in the past.

"Jerry was very good with solving problems on the board," says Finegold. "He was definitely a rock when it came to making decisions. He definitely wanted to give direction to the town."

"I think what Buzz is going to have to do, along with Larry and Bill, is take more of a leadership role. With experience you learn how to deal with issues and problems," he says.

But Finegold says he has also seen Hess and Major take the lead in certain areas such as with youth programs. It seems likely Stapczynski will use one or both of these selectmen to bounce ideas off of, considering Larsen and Downs both called for his head less than a year ago.

"Buzz definitely uses his selectmen as sounding boards and I think he very much relied on Jerry," says Finegold.

Stapczynski confirms he talked with Silverman a great deal because of Silverman's experience, and says he will now "look to the formal chair" for guidance. Downs currently holds that post and Stapczynski insists they will work together.

But Silverman clearly protected Stapczynski during his time on the board, and Becker's feelings toward Stapczynski could prove important, if he again falls into disfavor with Downs and Larsen.

"I like the guy. He did what we wanted done. I simply think what we did was overload him with three building projects," says Silverman. "I don't think we understood the situation."

Veterans and rookies

Most people believe that because of his chairman role, Downs is the selectmen who will be most affected by Silverman's retirement (See sidebar). Both Downs and Larsen say they're ready to take greater control.

"I think we have to (lead). There's certain things you just know from having done it a while," says Larsen.

"I'd like to take a little leadership, but I'd also like to have the members of the board talk more to each other," says Downs. "The audience makes the decisions for us most of the time."

Under his chairmanship, Downs says he wants the selectmen themselves to take a greater role in making decisions after holding in-depth discussion.

But none of the four established selectmen say

they will lead alone. Each suggests everyone must step up.

"Jerry knew so much about how things got done. He was a facilitator and a guy with a lot of good will," says Larsen. "I think that will be a vacuum that will be filled in its own way. Every group works in its own way."

"We'll miss him for personal reasons as well as the political influence that he brought in his ability to get things done," says Hess. "We'll have to develop a different identity and make things happen."

That identity will undoubtedly be younger. With this month's election, the selectmen went from having nearly 40 years of combined experience, to having two members with barely more than a year of experience and another with just a few weeks under her

belt.

"You do have a board that's going through a solid learning curve," says Major. "It's interesting watching the veterans."

"I see John (Hess) and myself, we're both in leadership positions this year. We really have to mature and it's a forced maturity," says Major. "Lori (Becker) will do well but it will take some time to get used to the basics."

"I found myself talking more (last Monday) night than I had been before. I don't know if that's because no one told me to shut up," chuckles Hess, "or if it's because Jerry wasn't there doing some talking of his own."

"Obviously someone has to step in to help get things done," he says. "It really depends on all of us to continue to work togeth-

er and get things done jointly. I don't know if any one person can fill the role."

As for Larsen switching Major and Hess' nameplates, while some political watchers assumed it was because Larsen feels Major is less likely to listen to his advice, Larsen denies this.

"I moved them because the vice-chair has always sat to the right (of the selectmen chairman) and the secretary has always sat to the left. Whether that's tradition or not I don't know, but that's the way it's always been while I've been on the board," he says.

And Larsen made sure the new board would begin the way he wanted it. Some traditions will continue.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, April 9

Annual meeting, board of directors of Creative Living Inc., Sen. John O'Brien (D-Andover) is guest speaker, hors d'oeuvres 7 p.m., followed by business meeting, \$20, RSVP by April 5, Bishop's Restaurant, 99 Hampshire St., Lawrence; 470-3165.

Youth concert, presented by Boston Classical Orchestra, for middle school and high school students, 11 a.m., Lawrence High School, Lawrence; (617) 423-3883.

Breakfast, sponsored by Greater Lawrence Community Action Council and Exchange Clubs of the Lower Merrimack Valley, featuring Lawrence Mayor Patricia Dowling, to continue awareness of the seriousness of child abuse and what can be done to prevent it, 8 a.m., \$10, Andover Marriott, Lorraine Malinaggi, 681-4985.

Breakfast circle, healthy breakfast followed by talk by Kristen Penta, registered pharmacist, on "Medications and the Older Individual," 9-10:30 a.m., \$1, proceeds donated to the area Council on Aging, Sutton Hill Nursing and Retirement Center, 1801 Turnpike St., North Andover; 688-1212.

PAC meeting, Doherty Middle School Parent Advisory Council, 7:30 p.m., McGrail Media Center, Doherty Middle School, Bartlet Street; Carol Baffi-Dugan 470-3542.

Reception, art show organized by Andover Studio of Visual Arts, 6:30-8 p.m., Memorial Hall Library, Elm Square.

FRIDAY, April 10

Country western dance, lessons 7:30-8:30 p.m., dancing until midnight, cash bar, \$5, North Reading Moose Lodge, 140 North St., North Reading; (978) 664-8561 or (978) 772-2195.

Comedy Palace, featuring Steve Shaffer, at the Grill 93, River Road, 8 and 10:30 p.m., cover charge \$8; 1-888-TO-LAUGH.

Vietnam, the Forgotten Legacy, produced by Andover High School Television Production students, premieres local cable Channel 22, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, April 11

Kids night out, sponsored by the Lady Riverhawks, for ages 4-12 years, 6-10 p.m., \$3, first child, \$5 each sibling, UMass Lowell Costello Gym, University Ave., Lowell; Kathy O'Neil (978) 934-2325.

Comedy Palace, see entry under Friday, April 10.

MONDAY, April 13

Information session, sponsored by Merrimack College Division of Continuing Education, 6:30-8:30 p.m.,

Arundel Room, McQuade Library, North Andover; 837-5101.

TUESDAY, April 14

Morning Coffee, sponsored by Andover Historical Society, Eugene Winter, honorary curator at Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archeology, will discuss how the Pennacook tribe lived in Andover before the disruption by settlers in the 17th century, refreshments, 9:30 a.m., lecture, 10 a.m., \$2 members, \$4 non-members, 97 Main St; 475-2236.

Exercises for pregnancy & after, taught by certified aerobic instructor, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Mom & Me Maternity, 93 Main St.; RSVP 470-8832.

"Eggstra-ordinary lunch", sponsored by Middle Suburban Christian Women's Club at Andover, featuring Ukrainian egg design, music and speaker, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., \$11, Ramada Rolling Green Inn, Route 133; Ruth (978) 664-3901 or Dolly (781) 944-2228.

Lecture, "Miscellaneous Writing, a Unique Literary Genre in China," presented in Chinese by Fan Lin, a newspaper columnist in China, 8 p.m., Taubman Room, Samuel Phillips Hall, Phillips Academy, 180 Main St.; 740-4204.

Deana's Fund: The Yellow Dress, a one-woman play on abusive relationships, sponsored by Campus Activities Board and Middlesex Community College Offices of Counseling and Health Services, East cafeteria, Bedford; Brenda Loucks (781) 280-3511.

Meeting, Village Garden Club and The Spade and Trowel Club, Betty Brown will present "The Pleasures of Garden Ornamentation," 7 p.m., Stevens Pond Condominium Club House, North Andover; Carol O'Neil 475-6548.

WEDNESDAY, April 15

Meeting, Learning In Retirement Association (LIRA), for retirees and semi-retired, speaker, light luncheon, 10 a.m.-noon, MIL Conference Center, UMass Research Foundation, Wannalancit Mill Complex; 250-1807 or 957-7425.

Evening with Loretta LaRoche, sponsored by Holy Family Hospital Auxiliary, a humorous look at stress management, to benefit Cancer Management Center at Holy Family Hospital, 7 p.m., \$15, \$25 reserved seating with reception at 6:30, Volpe Center, Merrimack College, Routes 125 and 114, North Andover; Bill Burgey 687-0156, Ext. 2720.

Jazz band concert, presented by Andover Fine Arts Department, 7:30 p.m., Collins Center Auditorium, Andover High School, Shaw-shen Road.



Papisseconewa, chief of the Pennacooks

THURSDAY, April 16

CPR for infants and children, American Heart Association Certification course, 6-9 p.m., \$25, Mom & Me Maternity, 93 Main St.; RSVP 470-8832.

Lecture, "The Responsibility of the Press: from *The Michigan Daily* to *The New York Times*," by Sara Rimer, New England bureau chief for *The New York Times*, 8 p.m., Kemper Auditorium, Phillips Academy, Chapel Avenue; Sharon Britton 749-4295.

Meeting, Homebased Businesswomen's Network Inc., speaker will discuss "Debt in the '90s," 7 p.m., \$10, Village Green Restaurant, Route 1, Newbury Street, Danvers; Lorraine (978) 546-7969.

Meeting, Amnesty International, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall Library Activity Room, Elm Square; 458-1512 or 623-8400.

Lecture, by Barbara Bush, sponsored by Bank Boston, part of Salem State College Series, Salem State College, Salem Mass.; (978) 740-7555.

Meeting, Merrimack Valley Area Easter Seal Stroke Support Group, video description of a Passover Seder and observance, 1:30 p.m., Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlet St; Easter Seals 1-800-922-8290.

Poetry reading, Phillips Academy students Charlie Finch, Kate Nesin, Anthony Morales, Katharine Gilbert, Christina Richardson, 7 p.m., Andover Bookstore, 89R Main

St.; (800) 491-0143.

FRIDAY, April 17

Quilt show, presented by Tewksbury Piecemakers Quilt Guild, noon-9 p.m., \$4, Marland Place, 15 Stevens St.; Laurie-Jean (978) 851-2837.

Open mike talent night, sponsored by Memorial Hall Library's Young Adult Advisory Board, open to all teens in middle and high school, refreshments, door prizes, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall Library hall, Elm Square; Beth 623-8400.

Concert, John Gorka, presented by New Moon Coffeehouse, 8 p.m., \$15, Murray Room, Universalist Unitarian Church, Routes 110 and 125, Haverhill; (978) 373-9259.

Victor Borge in concert, 8 p.m., \$37.50, \$32.50, Lowell Memorial Auditorium, 50 East Merrimack St., Lowell; box office (978) 454-2299 or ticketmaster (617) 931-2000.

Artist reception, 5-8 p.m., Mingo Gallery, 252 Cabot St., Beverly; (978) 927-5964.

Art exhibit and sale, sponsored by Reading Art Association, 7:30-9:30 p.m., First Congregational Church, Sanborn Street, Reading.

Concert, presented by New England String Ensemble, 8 p.m., \$18, \$15 seniors, \$10 students, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 166 High St., Newburyport; Peter Stickel, NESE executive director, (781) 224-1117.

All in the Timing, comedy sketches presented by Quannapowitt Players, 8 p.m., Quannapowitt Playhouse, 55 Hopkins St., Reading; box office (781) 942-2212.

Comedy Palace, featuring Amazing Jonathan, Frank Santorelli (show B), see entry under Friday, April 10.

SATURDAY, April 18

Quilt show, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., see entry under Friday, April 17.

Folk music concert, by Bill O'Brien and Chris Nordstrom, to benefit health sanitation programs of Salvadoran Association for Rural Health (ASAPROSAR), 8 p.m., \$8, First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, Beverly; Carol Girard (978) 927-6811.

Information session, presented by Phillips Academy Department of Theatre and Dance, on The Theatre Enterprise, a five-week summer program for high school students focusing on acting for stage, film and video, 5 p.m., Tang Theatre, George Washington Hall, off Chapel Avenue, Phillips Academy; 749-4436.

Women in the Workplace workshop, sponsored by Spar and Spindle Girl Scout Council for girls in grades 5-9, featuring more than 20 professional women, 8:45 a.m.-12:30

p.m., \$10, Northern Essex Community College, Lawrence; (800) 842-5568.

Art exhibit and sale, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., see entry under Friday, April 17.

All in the Timing, see entry under Friday April 17.

Comedy Palace, see entry under Friday, April 17.

SUNDAY, April 19

Outdoor leadership workshop, presented by Appalachian Mountain Club, a.m. instruction, lunch, hike, Dave Doub 470-3703.

Hike, sponsored by Appalachian Mountain Club, West Parish horse trail, meet West Parish Cemetery, 1:30 p.m.; Susan Kelly (617) 491-3415.

Wapack trail hike, sponsored by Appalachian Mountain Club, meet Miller State Park; Larry Blood (781) 944-0829.

Auditions, for *Webber's Express*, a musical, 6 p.m., Giordano's Starlite Dinner Theatre, Route 97, Georgetown; (978) 352-7300 or (800) 287-PLAY.

Art exhibit and sale, 12:30-3:30 p.m., see entry under Friday, April 17.

ONGOING

Museums and Historic Homes
Andover Historical Society permanent exhibit: Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum, containing period rooms from 1820s to 1840s, with 19th-century farm and woodworking tools, currently on display is the Society's pewter exhibit; library and office hours 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday, Mondays by appointment; \$4 adults, \$2 children, members free; Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St., 475-2236.

Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology, Main and Phillips Streets, *Origins and Ancestors: Investigating Paleo-Indians in New England*, explores the landscape now called New England at the end of the last Ice Age, from 13,000 to 11,000 years ago, and its first inhabitants, particular focus on recent discoveries about these people and their rapidly changing environment, through July 31, Tuesday through Friday noon-5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-1 p.m., free; 749-4490.

North Andover Historical Society, 153 Academy Road, North Andover, maintains two sites that feature museum galleries: 1789 Johnson Cottage, an artisan's home and workshop, and 1715 Parson Barnard House, depicting life from 1715-1830, permanent and changing exhibits highlight local life from the 17th- to the 20th century, library and archive, \$3 adults, \$1 children, \$2 seniors, Johnson Cottage, tours Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-noon and 2-

Pennacook life in Andover is the topic for Historical Society lecture

The Andover Historical Society's Morning Coffee will present a "Native American Life in Andover" Tuesday, April 14. Eugene Winter, honorary

curator at Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archeology, will discuss how the Pennacook tribe lived in Andover before the disruption by settlers in the 17th century.

Visitors are asked to bring any Amer-Indian artifacts they may own to be identified by Winters.

Refreshments will be coffee and traditional Pennacook

food: succotash and deer meat.

Volunteers for the program are Dorothy Bailey, Bernice Haggerty, Darcy Kirk, Ruth Sharpe and Ruth Sherwood.

Coffee and refreshments at

9:30 a.m. will be followed by the lecture at 10.

Admission is \$2 for members, \$4 for non-members. The society is located at 97 Main St. Call 475-2236.

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4 p.m., \$5 adults for a combined tour of both properties; 686-4035.

Lowell National Historic Park, history of the American Industrial Revolution, guided tours of cotton and textile mills, canals, Suffolk Mill Water Power Tour, a 90-minute program, 2:30 p.m., Visitor Center, 246 Market St., Lowell, **Child Labor: Documentary Photography and the Quest for Reform**, historical and contemporary views of child labor in the U.S. and around the world through the photographs of Lewis W. Hine and David L. Parker, gallery hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. daily, closed on various holidays, Boot Gallery, 40 Foot of John Street; Suffolk Mill Turbine Exhibit, noon-4:30 p.m.; tours

include Nature of the Merrimack; Canal and River Cruise; Harnessing the Merrimack; Pawtucket Canal Tour; Spindle City Bike Series; Suffolk Mill Waterpower Tour; Downtown Tour; Working People Exhibit; Boott Cotton Mills Museum; (978) 970-5000.

Exploring Lowell, join a ranger for a 30- to 90-minute program exploring a variety of Lowell-related topics, all tours are free, 1 p.m., Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center, 246 Market St., Lowell; 970-5000.

American Textile History Museum presents *Textiles in America*, its permanent exhibition of how textiles shaped the lives of people from Colonial times to the

present, wheelchair accessible, Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., \$5 adults 17 and over, \$3 children 6-16, seniors and students with ID; free for children under 6 and museum members, 491 Dutton St., Lowell; (978) 441-0400.

Wenham Museum, exhibits feature *Dwellings: Large and Small*, dollhouses ranging in age from 1800s to 1930s, architectural models and drawings; *Play Families*, a collection of Fisher-Price family playsets and pull-toys from 1931 to present; special doll exhibit of original dolls featured on U.S. Post Office's sheet of doll stamps; model and toy train room with three operat-

ing layouts; guided tour of 17th-century Claflin-Richards House, one of the oldest on the North Shore; 132 Main St., Wenham, Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 1-4 p.m., \$4 adults, \$2 children (under 3 free), \$3.50, seniors, members free; (978) 468-2377.

New England Quilt Museum, *Quilted Portraits*, exhibit of 35 patchwork pictures that explore the human spirit, through April 12, *Story Book Quilts: Marion Cheever Whiteside Newton*, April 17-June 14, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. closed Sundays; handicap parking, \$4 adults, \$3 students/senior citizens, 18 Shattuck St., Lowell; (978) 452-4207. **Custom House Mar-**

itime Museum, Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, 1-4 p.m. closed Wednesday afternoons, operated by Newburyport Maritime Society, 25 Water St., Newburyport; Cynthia Novotny (978) 462-8681.

Art Exhibitions
Memorial Hall Library, art show organized by Andover Studio of Visual Arts, through April 17, Elm Square; 623-8400. **Senior Center artists**,

talented artists participate in art classes and enjoy the "drop-in group" on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, art display of oils, watercolors, pencil, pen and ink, pastels and oriental brush art is in the Music Room; Andover Senior Center, Whittier Court, 623-8321.

Vertu Fine Art Gallery, *Carnival and Sky*, photograph exhibit, and Mill #1, The Tannery, 50 Water St., Newburyport; (978) 462-3735.

Brush Art Gallery, *Inspired Visions: Paintings, Sculpture and Poetry* by Anthony James, through June 20, wheelchair accessible, Tuesday-Saturday 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday noon-4 p.m., 256 Market St., Lowell; (978) 459-7819.

Robert Lehman Art Center, an exhibit of the works of New Hampshire painter Jane Thorne through May 31 and 1960's rock-and-roll posters from the collec-

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WHAT'S UP

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Series produced by **Andover High School Television Production** students, *Vietnam, the Forgotten Legacy*, will premier on local cable channel 22 tomorrow, Friday, April 10, at 7:30 p.m.

The 2-hour documentary produced by television production teacher **Joe Spanos** and **Harry J. Durso** deals with dramatic interviews that highlight the death and destruction, and the political controversy of the Vietnam War.

The program, hosted by AHS students **Jason Monarca**, **Erin Baggeroer** and **Emily Riemer**, features local Vietnam veterans, Andover Police Sergeant **William Mackenzie**, and local attorney **John Doherty**. The program also features a Vietnam veteran known as "Theo" and **Paul Riemer**, a banker from the Cape Cod area.

A preview showing of the documentary and a reception will be held for the veterans who participated in the program tomorrow at 8 a.m. in the television studio at Andover High

School. Several local Vietnam veterans have also been invited to attend.

The first installment of *The Living History Series* was *World War Two - Mis-*

sion From Hell, which featured **Ken Wall**, a B-17 crew member from Lawrence. Hosts were AHS students **Evan Martin** and **Emily Riemer**. That documentary was shown in Andover and Lawrence on MediaOne's local channels in Febru-

ary.

Durso and Spanos plan to continue the series next year and expand its production so that an extensive oral history can one day be part of the resource material available for the academic courses at AHS.

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tion of Sidney S. Lawrence III through May 23, Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday 8:30 a.m.-noon; Sunday 2:30-5 p.m. Brooks School, 1160 Great Pond Road, North Andover; Michael B. King (978) 725-6232.

Mingo Gallery, Send Lawyers, Guns and Money by artists Donna Etter Baldassari, Marcia Hermann and Dagmar Nickerson, April 14-May 30, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 252 Cabot St., Beverly; (978) 927-5964.

Whistler House Museum of Art, Ten Women, through April 11, 10 women artist' works representing interpretations of their environments, coordinated by Lowell National Historic Park for the celebration of Women's History Week, 243 Worthen St., Lowell; (978) 452-7641.

Lawrence Heritage State Park Visitors Center, "Lawrence Treasures," porcelain souvenirs and memorabilia of Lawrence, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. daily, 1 Jackson St., Lawrence; 794-1655.

Andover Historical Society, landscapes by Norma Gammon, community services library at Memorial Hall Library, through April 25, 97 Main St.; 475-2236.

Theatre

The Diary of Anne Frank, through April 11, Thursdays-Saturdays, dinner 7 p.m., show 8:30 p.m., Sunday dinner 5 p.m., show 6:30 p.m., matinee April 5, \$20.50-\$27.50, show only \$10-\$12, group rates, discounts children and seniors, wheelchair accessible, The Amesbury Playhouse Dinner Theatre, 194 Main St., Amesbury; (978) 388-9444.

The Fantasticks, through April 26, Thursday-Saturday, dinner, 6:15 p.m., show, 8:30; Sunday, dinner, noon, show, 3 p.m., \$17.95-\$24.95, senior discounts Thursdays and Sundays, student discount, Thursdays, children under 12 discount Sundays, reservations required, Giordano's Starlight Dinner Theatre, Route 97, Georgetown; (978) 352-7300, or (Mass. only) 800-287-PLAY.

Frankie & Johnny in the Clair De Lune, a sexy, funny, touching romance, through April

11, Wednesdays through Saturdays, 8 p.m., Sundays, 2 p.m., Sunday, April 5, 7 p.m., \$23-\$29, Merrimack Repertory Theatre, Liberty Hall, Lowell Memorial Auditorium, 50 East Merrimack St.; box office (978) 454-3926.

Meetings/Activities

Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) meets every third Thursday of the month, 7 p.m., United Methodist Church, North Andover; 475-0875.

Al-Anon meets Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., St. William's Church basement, Main Street, Tewksbury; Dottie (978) 851-7655.

Adult Learning Center, 243 South Broadway, Lawrence, offers free citizenship classes Monday and Wednesday, 12:30-3:30 p.m.; Karen Sheridan 975-5917.

Andover Great Books Group, meets second and fourth Tuesdays, discusses book of the week, activity room, Memorial Hall Library, 7:30-9 p.m.; Jean McGreehan 667-9610.

Andover Choral Society, all voice parts are welcome to join, auditions are not required, rehearsals are held Monday evening, 7:20 p.m., Christ Church, Central Street; Christy Puntoni 470-8747.

Bridge game and lessons, Wednesdays, 7:15 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Church, 6 Locke St.; (603) 382-0123 J. J. Zamierowski.

Caregivers support group, sponsored by Elder Services of the

Merrimack Valley, first and third Tuesday of each month, 10-11 a.m., 360 Merrimack Street, Building 5, Lawrence; Chris Costello 683-7747, Ext. 423.

Men's woodcarving group meets on Mondays at 9 a.m. on a drop-in basis at Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlett St., 623-8321.

Newcomers Club of Andover, social club for residents of Andover

and North Andover, variety of activities, membership open to new and established residents; Linda Ianelli 686-2263 or Linda Latta 975-8767.

Safe Place, a support group for those who have lost a loved one through suicide, second and fourth Tuesday of every month, April 14, 28, May 12, 26, June 9, 23, July 14, 28, Aug. 11, 25, Sept. 8, 22, Oct. 13, 27,

Nov. 10, 24, Dec. 8, 22, 7:30-9:30 p.m., St. Robert Bellarmine Church, Parish Rectory House; Samaritans of Merrimack Valley 688-0030.

North Shore Chorus rehearsals, women over 18 who enjoy singing and performing, can "carry a tune," have good sense of humor, 7:30 p.m., Lutheran Church, 280 Broadway, Wyoma Square, Lynn; Pat Fitzgerald (617) 324-1484.

AIDS Action of Andover Mothers Group, for mothers and

other family members of people who are HIV positive or have AIDS, twice monthly; 470-2626.

The Greater Lawrence Alliance for the Mentally Ill (AMI), meets every third Thursday, First United Methodist Church, 57 Peters St., North Andover, 7-9 p.m., 475-0875.

Amnesty International, Merrimack Valley Chapter; meets second Monday of the month, McQuade Library, Merrimack College, 7:30 p.m.; Leslie 475-6960.

Separated and divorced ministry meeting, support group meets every Monday, 7:30 p.m., Parish Center, 1 St. Augustine Drive, all are welcome; Chuck 685-7238, or Klara 475-7358.

Merrimack Valley Camera Club, Wednes-

days, 7:15 p.m., Trinitarian Congregational Church, 72 Elm St., North Andover; Sarah Musumeci 688-1116.

Nicotine Anonymous, meets weekly, Faith Lutheran Church, 360 S. Main St., 7:15-8:30 p.m.; 475-0183.

Coalition for the Preservation of Fatherhood, Merrimack Valley chapter, Senior Citizens Center, 10 Welcome St., Haverhill, meets second and fourth Tuesdays each month, 7 p.m.; Alan Finiger (978) 372-2648.

CoDa, Co-dependents Anonymous, a group designed to aid people in dependent relationships, meets Mondays, 7 p.m., Bellevue Congregational Church, 300 High St., Newburyport, and Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Family Mutual Bank

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◀ **Exhibition of antique quilts with story book themes** — New England Quilt Museum presents "Story Book Quilts: Marion Cheever Whiteside Newton April 17-June 14. At left is Marion Cheever Whiteside Newton and her Ice Skating Story Book Quilt, 1945. She also made the Early American Wreath and Eagle quilt at lower right. The photograph is courtesy of the Whiteside Family. The exhibit curated by Naida Patterson features 25 Story Book quilts designed by Marion Cheever Whiteside Newton. From 1940-1965, Marion Cheever Whiteside Newton created more than 50 appliqué designs based on children's classics and operated a cottage industry that sold more than 3,000 quilts. The exhibition is co-organized with the New England Quilt Museum and Museum of the American Quilter's Society in Paducah, Ky. Museum hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$3 for students/senior citizens; museum members admitted free. Handicapped parking is available in the building lot at 18 Shattuck St., Lowell. For information, call (978) 452-4207.

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SPORTS



Photos by Lisa Adelsberger

At the Golden Warriors varsity baseball practice Tuesday, sophomore Mike Giles fires one toward the plate.



Two hands — John McHugh takes care of this come-backer to the mound during Tuesday's practice. The drill keeps pitchers' fielding skills sharp.

Andover High varsity spring sports teams get off on the right foot

AHS ROUNDUP

By Rick Harrison

It was a banner opening week for Andover High varsity spring sports teams.

Boys volleyball registered a pair of wins, while both tennis and track teams also chalked up victories in their initial forays.

The softball team dropped its opener but had reason to be encouraged by a strong comeback that fell just short.

The baseball team launches its season and christens the new field tomorrow, weather permitting, with a 10 a.m. game against visiting non-league rival Revere.

SOFTBALL

A strong seventh-inning rally had reeling Methuen on the ropes, but the Andover High varsity soft-

ball team left the tying run at the plate in a season-opening 8-6 loss to the Rangers on Tuesday afternoon.

Trailing 8-0 entering the final stanza, the Lady Warriors rallied for six runs before the eruption cooled.

Although both teams are members of the Merrimack Valley Conference — this was classified as a non-league game.

Schedule

Coach Stephanie Ragucci's squad plays its home opener this afternoon (3:30) against non-league Westford Academy, and hits the road next Monday for a non-leaguer versus MVC member Haverhill (3:30).

Methuen 8 Andover 6

AHS starting pitcher, junior Michelle Carpentier, worked to only four batters in the bottom of the first inning before being forced to leave the mound with a back sprain.

Freshman Laura Stone relieved with one run home, entering a tough no-out, bases-loaded situation.

Methuen went on to score six runs in the inning, but Stone settled down nicely and yielded only two fifth-inning runs the rest of the way. She permitted

eight hits and three earned runs over her seven-inning stint, striking out four and walking five.

"Laura did an excellent job in her first varsity start," said Ragucci. "I didn't know if she could go the full seven innings. In pre-season games we always split the pitching time. She tired a little at the end but overall the effort was very encouraging."

"It was discouraging to fall behind by six runs in the first inning, but the most positive thing was the way the girls battled back."

"Their pitcher was good but not over-powering," continued Ragucci. "We hit the ball well but right at people until the seventh. In that inning we hit 'em where they weren't."

Andover twice left runners stranded at second base in the early innings, with the most serious threat in the fourth when the locals had runners at the corners but did not score.

Sophomore Jen Roberge led off the six-run AHS seventh with a single, Capt. Julie Litzenberger walked and junior Kaitlin Dargan beat out an infield bloop to load the bases.

Pinch-hitter Michelle Langone drove in the first runs of the season with a two-run single to left, and freshman Taylor Traub followed with a two-run double to left to trim the deficit to 8-4.

Freshman Lisa Tisbert ripped a one-out RBI double to left-center, rescuing Traub, and with two outs Stone helped her own cause by lacing a triple down the left field line to make it 8-6.

The game ended with Stone at third when the next batter smacked a grounder to short and was thrown out on a very close

play at first base.

"We played very well defensively — making only two errors," said Ragucci. "Several times we ended innings with nice plays that left Methuen runners in scoring position at second or third base."

Junior catcher Courtney Famiglietti made a hustling, diving play to force a runner at the plate with the bases loaded. Tisbert also looked sharp at short, and junior center fielder Lisa Sawin completed a double play by making a catch and nailing a runner off second base.

Tisbert and Roberge led the eight-hit Andover attack with two safeties each.

Jillian Middlemiss spanked three singles for the Rangers, while leadoff batter Jen Solomon belted a triple and scored a run.

Injury report

The extent of Carpentier's back injury wasn't known at presstime, but if needed Lisa Tisbert and Michelle Langone can step into the pitching rotation with Stone.

Lindsey Pearson missed the opener as she continues to rest and rehab a back injury suffered in the state championship basketball game.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

ANDOVER 2, DRACUT 0 at Dunn Gymnasium

Dracut	9	9
Andover	15	15

Individual Leaders

Kills: A, Jeff Danis 6, Ryan Slavin 6, Ben Mertes 4. **Blocks:** A, Danis 14. **Aces:** A, Jack Nolan 1, Peter Maguire 1. **Hitting:** A, Danis 20-for-22, Slavin 14-for-16, Mertes 10-for-11, Nichols 6-for-8, Kevin Hess 5-for-8. **Serve-Receive:** A, Jim Newell 16-for-17.

Team Stats

A, 57-for-70. **Serving:** A, 45-for-55. **Serve-Receive:** A, 37-for-41. **JV Score:** Dracut 2, Andover 0.

ANDOVER 2, LOWELL 1 at Riddick Field House, Lowell

Andover	15	14	15
Lowell	9	16	9

Individual Leaders

Kills: A, Jeff Danis 12, Ben Mertes 8, Ryan Slavin 5, Dave Nichols 4. **Blocks:** A, Danis 17, Mertes 11, Nichols 3. **JV Score:** Lowell 2, Andover 1. **Varsity Records:** Andover 2-0, Lowell 1-1.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

The AHS boys varsity volleyball team opened the season with impressive back-to-back Merrimack Valley Conference wins over Dracut (2-0) and Lowell (2-1).

The victories left coach George Sullivan's Golden Warriors as one of only three unbeaten teams in the conference, the others St. John's Prep and Billerica.

Andover also extended its carryover regular-season win streak to seven straight matches.

Schedule

The locals returned to the court yesterday, hosting Chelmsford, and today Andover travels to Haverhill for a 4 p.m. match against the Hillies.

Andover 2 Dracut 0

The Golden Warriors opened the season with an impressive 15-9, 15-9 sweep of visiting Dracut at the

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SOFTBALL

METHUEN 8, ANDOVER 6 at Methuen

Andover (6) — Taylor Traub 2b 3-1-1, Lisa Sawin cf 3-0-0, Lisa Tisbert ss 4-1-2, Courtney Famiglietti c 3-0-0, Laura Stone dp-p 4-0-1, Jen Roberge lf 4-1-2, Julie Litzenberger 1b 1-1-0, Kaitlin Dargan 3b 3-1-1, Lacey Eggert rf 2-0-0, Michelle Langone ph 1-1-1. **Totals:** 28-6-8.

Methuen (8) — Jen Solomon ss 3-1-1, DiGiacomo lf 3-1-1, Riccio rf 3-0-0, Smith c 2-1-1, Pearson dp 2-1-0, Parker 2b 3-2-1, Jillian Middlemiss cf 4-1-3, MacLeod 3b 4-1-1, Benoit 3b 2-0-1, Hauswirth p 0-0-0. **Totals:** 26-8-9.

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Methuen 600 020 x — 8
RBI: A, Traub 2, Langone 2, Tisbert 1, Stone 1. **2B:** Tisbert, Traub. **3B:** MacLeod, Solomon, Stone. **WP:** Hauswirth (1-0). **LP:** Michelle Carpentier (0-1) 0ip 0h 4r 4er 4bb 0k. **Relief:** Laura Stone 7ip 8h 4r 3er 5bb 4k.

Records: Methuen 1-0, Andover 0-1.



During varsity baseball practice Tuesday, John McHugh scoops up a bunt.



Photos by Lisa Adelsberger

Stretch — Bob Heitz glove the ball during Tuesday's practice.

AHS ROUNDUP

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Dunn Gymnasium.

The statistics were all good as the locals put 82 percent of their serves in play (45-of-55), equalled that with an 82 percent hitting average (57-of-70), and were 37-of-41 on serve-receive.

"It was a good win," said Sullivan. "Everyone hustled, played hard and worked together."

"We passed the ball well, our serve-receive was excellent, and we blocked much better than we had a few days earlier at the pre-season Holliston Play-Day."

Senior middle-hitter and Capt. Jeff Danis led the attack with six kills, 14 blocks and a near-perfect 20-of-22 hitting.

Sophomore Ryan Slavin was 14-for-16 hitting with six kills, and junior middle-hitter Ben Mertes 10-for-11 hitting with four kills.

Junior Dave Nichols was 6-of-8 hitting with two kills, sophomore setter Kevin Hess 5-for-8 hitting and junior outside hitter Jim Newell 16-for-17 in serve-receive.

AHS finished with only two service aces, one each by Jack Nolan and Peter Maguire.

"We thought we'd be able to play with Andover," said veteran Dracut coach Charlie Pelley. "But tonight they looked like one of the four best teams in the North section (of the state)."

The Dracut JVs rolled to a 2-0 victory in the prelim, winning the games 15-9 and 15-11.

Andover 2 Lowell 1

Jeff Danis finished with 17 blocks and 12 kills to power the Golden Warriors to the hard-fought 15-9, 14-16, 15-9 victory over the host Red Raiders at the Riddick Memorial Field House.

"Danis was all over the court making plays," said Sullivan. "Lowell is a different team this year. They're big, quick and they have some excellent leapers."

"I warned our guys before the match that it wouldn't be easy — and it wasn't."

Ben Mertes contributed eight kills and 11 blocks, Dave Nichols four kills, three blocks and Ryan Slavin five kills.

Kevin Hess was excellent setting and on defense, Jack Nolan a standout serving and on defense, and Capt. Matt Rogers played a strong defensive match.

Andover JVs

The AHS junior varsity (0-2) dropped a 2-1 decision to Lowell but received solid efforts from Mike Johnson (backcourt defense, hitting), sophomore Pat Hogarty, and setters Brian Gulizzo and Kyle McCauley.

TENNIS

An excellent effort by the freshman second doubles team of Rich Roda and Gabe Adams, who won their first varsity match in style with a come-from-behind three-set triumph, lifted the Andover High boys tennis team to a dramatic 3-2 victory over Central Catholic in the season-opening match for both on Monday afternoon at the AHS courts.

It was a key win for the Golden Warriors — coming over what should be their top challenger for the Merrimack Valley Conference title this spring.

It also marked the second consecutive year the locals have opened with a 3-2 win over Central, and the fourth straight time the AHS boys have defeated the Raiders by that narrow margin.

The Andover girls also opened successfully with a less frenetic 5-0 decision over host and prime MVC challenger Notre Dame Academy of Tyngsboro.

Schedule

Both Andover teams played Lowell yesterday and return to the courts, weather permitting, tomorrow

against Chelmsford (3:30 p.m.). The AHS boys host the Lions and the girls are at Chelmsford.

Andover boys 3 Central Catholic 2

With the match tied, 2-2, and their league winning streak of 84 straight in jeopardy, the Golden Warriors pulled it out when Roda and Adams rallied for a 2-6, 6-1, 6-4 victory.

Roda, Adams and Central opponents Ward Thompson and John Kolifrath were the last four players off the court following their two-hour match.

"Rich and Gabe concentrated much better after the first set," said coach Mike Wartman. "They took control of the net and got stronger as the match went along."

"They haven't played together a lot, and with the (cold) weather no one had much time outdoors before the season started."

Andover scored its other points at third singles and first doubles.

Sophomore Evan Sideman, an

All-Conference doubles player last year, rolled to a 6-0, 6-2 victory over the Raiders' Pat Johnson at No. 3 singles.

Capt. Alan Hibino and Peter Hughes teamed at No. 1 doubles for a 6-3, 6-3 sweep of Central's Dan D'Agata and Dave Hall.

CCHS' devastating 1-2 punch, brothers Wayne and Justin Slattery, scored impressive victories in the first two singles slots.

All-Conference selection Wayne defeated AHS freshman prospect Matt Rose 6-2, 6-3 at No. 1, and Justin trimmed Capt. Dave Gutstein 6-3, 6-0 at No. 2.

"Matt did well for his first varsity match," said Wartman. "Wayne is a very tough opponent and a couple years older. Today he was really focused and strong."

Both Slatterys are three-year varsity veterans.

Andover girls 5 Notre Dame 0

The Lady Warriors needed no heroics as they rolled to victory

with five straight-set wins, losing only five games in singles and four in doubles.

Freshman Robin Young, stepping into graduated sister Heather's No. 1 singles spot, defeated NDA's Katie Rourke 6-0, 6-3.

Capt. Lauren Roda blitzed the Lancers' Liz Marley 6-0, 6-0 at second singles, and freshman Michelle Leahy made an auspicious varsity debut with a 6-2, 6-0 cruise.

The first doubles tandem of sophomores Jill Oppenheim and Amy Axelrod pounded out a 6-0, 6-0 win over Lauren Gustus and Lia Pada.

Junior Andrea Wegner and sophomore Erica Tebbetts completed the impressive AHS sweep with a 6-1, 6-3 conquest of Kerry Donovan and Laura Burke at second doubles.

OUTDOOR TRACK

First-year head coach Peter Comeau couldn't have asked for a more enjoyable or tension-free debut, as the Andover High boys and girls track teams both rolled to easy dual-meet victories over host and Merrimack Valley Conference inter-division rival Dracut on Tuesday afternoon.

The girls placed first in 14 of 17 events, receiving a double win from Capt. Barbara Contos, on the way to a resounding 106-30 triumph.

The boys were almost as dominant, earning 12 of 17 first places while sweeping five events and capturing both relays in a 104-41 decision.

Andover girls 106 Dracut 30

Barbara Contos earned her victories in the 100-meter high hurdles (15.6) and the 200-meter dash (28.2).

Other AHS individual winners in the running events were junior 300-meter low hurdler Shannon Callahan-Higgins (51.2), sophomore Kasey Dexter (400 meters, 64.9), Capt. Nikki Winters (800 meters, 2:34), Capt. Katherine Blais

BOYS TENNIS

ANDOVER 3, CENTRAL CATHOLIC 2 at Andover High

Singles

Wayne Slattery (CC) def. Matt Rose, 6-2, 6-3
Justin Slattery (CC) def. Dave Gutstein, 6-3, 6-0
Evan Sideman (A) def. Pat Johnson, 6-0, 6-2

Doubles

Alan Hibino & Peter Hughes (A) def. Dan D'Agata & Dave Hall, 6-3, 6-3
Rich Roda & Gabe Adams (A) def. Ward Thompson & John Kolifrath 2-6, 6-1, 6-4

Records: Andover 1-0, Central Catholic 0-1.

GIRLS TENNIS

ANDOVER 5, NOTRE DAME 0 at Tyngsboro

Singles

Robin Young (A) def. Katie Rourke, 6-0, 6-3
Lauren Roda (A) def. Liz Marley, 6-0, 6-0
Michelle Leahy (A) def. Alitia Lachauere, 6-2, 6-0

Doubles

Jill Oppenheim & Amy Axelrod (A) def. Lauren Gustus & Lia Pada, 6-0, 6-0
Andrea Wegner & Erica Tebbetts (A) def. Kerry Donovan & Laura Burke, 6-1, 6-3

Records: Andover 1-0, Notre Dame Academy 0-1.

AHS ROUNDUP

with an outstanding early-season 5:22.8 clocking in the mile, and junior two-miler Kristen Munson (12:11).

The 4x100 relay quartet of junior Chidinma Ibe, senior Beth Har, sophomore Lindsay Ravens and junior Jen Lambert flashed across the line in 53.5.

The 4x400 relay of Dexter, freshman Jen Kane, junior Katie Sullivan and anchor Blais broke the tape in 4:38.

Field event winners were freshman Crystal Kalaw in the pole vault (7'0"), sophomore high jumper Liz Conners (4'8"), freshman long jumper Jen Annese (14'2"), senior Michelle Mills (javelin, 81'0") and junior Janice Coppolino (discus, 88'1").

"The mile time by Blais was significant," said Comeau, "and the seven-foot height for Kalaw in the pole vault was excellent. She has the athletic ability to go as high as 10 feet this year, and if she keeps progressing at the same rate she'll challenge for the state title."

Barbara Contos barely missed out on a triple win, with her 32'6" triple jump effort taking second place to the prodigious 35'3" hop, skip and jump produced by Dracut standout Chelnechia Attah.

Freshman Sheena Patel finished second in both the 100-meter (17.9) and 300-meter (52.5 hurdles) for Andover.

Other AHS runners-up included Chidinma Ibe (100 meters, 13.5), Sullivan (400 meters, 66.9), junior Leslie Ring (800 meters, 2:38), junior miler Janel Ricci (5:56) and junior two-miler Pam Muller (12:56).

Also, junior pole vaulter Liz Wheeler (6'0"), sophomore long jumper Siobhan Landry (13'9 1/2"), sophomore high jumper Lexi Contos (4'8"), Mills (discus, 77'11") and freshman shot putter Ogechi Ibe (25'10").

Placing third for the locals were sophomore Megan Munroe (300-meter hurdles, 54.1), Har (100 meters, 14.1), Ravens (200 meters, 29.3), Kane (400 meters, 67.6), sophomore Katie Murray (800 meters, 2:39) and junior two-miler Jacqui Sawyer (12:58).

Also, pole vault school record-holder Kathleen McCumber (6'0"), Landry in the triple jump (31'8"), freshman long jumper Stephanie Pierce (13'4") and sophomore Melissa Langlais (discus, 75'8").

The Lady Warriors outscored Dracut 72-10 in the running events and 34-20 in the field events.

Andover boys 104 Dracut 41

Andover picked up 18 quick points in the hurdles.

Phil Ayoub led a sweep of both the 110-meter high and 300-meter intermediate hurdles for the winners, posting first-place times of 16.3 and 42.4 respectively.

Junior Long Dang was runner-up in both hurdles in 18.1 and 45.1, and Kyle Miller placed third in both races in 18.9 and 46.9.

Other individual victors in the running events were junior Matt Spitzer (400 meters, 55.8), senior Hasan Erdem (800 meters, 2:07), sophomore miler Greg Stamm (4:46.9) and Capt. Chris Rillahan in the two-mile (10:47).

AHS won both relays, the 4x100

sprint crew of junior Greg Roy, Capt. Ethan Murphy, Andy Pelletier and Capt. Matt Aufiero crossing in 46.6 while the 4x400 crew of Rillahan, Stamm, Spitzer and anchorman Sean Higgins finished in 3:53.3.

Earning Andover firsts in the field events were Dang in the pole vault (10'0"), sophomore high jumper Chris Cordima (5'6"), Roy in the triple jump (37'8 1/2") and senior Steve Scarpulla (javelin, 138'8").

Sophomore Jeremy Spiegel scored nine points with a trio of second places in the triple jump (37'6 1/2"), long jump (18'5") and 100 meters (11.4).

Other AHS runners-up included Steve Buba (discus, 110'3"), senior pole vaulter Matt MacKenzie (9'6"), Aufiero (200 meters, 23.4), Higgins (mile, 4:51) and two-miler Matt Brooks (11:11).

Murphy added a pair of third place finishes in the high jump (5'4") and 100 meters (11.9).

Also third in field events were Capt. Dan Barch in the shot put (41'4"), Adam Spiller (discus, 106'10"), Ted DeInnocentis (javelin, 123'0"), Roy (long jump, 17'11") and junior pole vaulter Steve Arsenault (9'0").

Additional thirds went to Pelletier (200 meters, 24.4), Jon Ofria (400 meters, 57.7), sophomore Terrence Fitzsimmons (800 meters, 2:12), miler Steve Hibino (5:34) and two-miler Matt Schroeder (11:35).

Bob Keefe was a triple winner for the Middies in the long jump (19'7 1/4"), 100 meters (11.3) and 200 meters (23.1). Matt Byrne added two victories in the shot (42'11") and discus (143'9").

The Golden Warriors outscored Dracut 66-16 in the running events and 38-25 in the field events.

GIRLS TRACK

ANDOVER 106, DRACUT 30 at Dracut High

SHOT PUT: 1. Kristen Mears (D) 29'2"; 2. Ogechi Ibe (A) 25'10"; 3. Mandy April (D) 24'8"

DISCUS: 1. Janice Coppolino (A) 88'1"; 2. Michelle Mills (A) 77'11"; 3. Melissa Langlais (D) 75'8"

JAVELIN: 1. Mills (A) 81'0"; 2. Stephanie Cyr (D) 77'0"; 3. Beverly Kelly (D) 76'0"

HIGH JUMP: 1. Liz Conners (A) 4'8"; 2. Lexi Contos (A) 4'8"; 3. Melinda Artz (D) 4'8"

LONG JUMP: 1. Jen Annese (A) 14'2"; 2. Siobhan Landry (A) 13'10"; 3. Stephanie Pierce (A) 13'4"

TRIPLE JUMP: 1. Chelnechia Attah (D) 35'3"; 2. Barbara Contos (A) 32'6"; 3. Landry (A) 31'8"

POLE VAULT: 1. Crystal Kalaw (A) 7'0"; 2. Liz Wheeler (A) 6'0"; 3. Kathleen McCumber (A) 6'0"

100-METER HURDLES: 1. BContos (A) 15.6; 2. Sheena Patel (A) 17.9; 3. Leslie Lewis (D) 18.1

300-METER HURDLES: 1. Shannon Callahan-Higgins (A) 51.2; 2. Patel (A) 52.5; 3. Megan Munroe (A) 54.1

100 METERS: 1. Attah (D) 13.1; 2. Chidinma Ibe (A) 13.5; 3. Beth Har (A) 14.1

200 METERS: 1. BContos (A) 28.2; 2. Jenn Natsios (D) 29.1; 3. Lindsay Ravens (A) 29.3

400 METERS: 1. Kasey Dexter (A) 64.9; 2. Katie Sullivan (A) 66.9; 3. Jen Kane (A) 67.6

800 METERS: 1. Nikki Winters (A) 2:34; 2. Leslie Ring (A) 2:38; 3. Katie Murray (A) 2:39

MILE: 1. Katherine Blais (A) 5:22.8; 2. Janel Ricci (A) 5:56; 3. Ariane Theriault (D) 6:03

2-MILE: 1. Kristen Munson (A) 12:11; 2. Pam Muller (A) 12:56; 3. Jacqui Sawyer (A) 12:58

4x100 RELAY: 1. Andover (Cibe, Har, Ravens & Jen Lambert), 53.5

4x400 RELAY: 1. Andover (Dexter, Kane, Sullivan & Blais), 4:38

Records: Andover 1-0, Dracut 0-1.

BOYS TRACK

ANDOVER 104, DRACUT 41 at Dracut High

SHOT PUT: 1. Matt Byrne (D) 42'11"; 2. Bob Callahan (D) 41'11"; 3. Dan Barch (A) 41'4"

DISCUS: 1. Byrne (D) 143'9"; 2. Steve Buba (A) 110'3"; 3. Adam Spiller (A) 106'10"

JAVELIN: 1. Steve Scarpulla (A) 138'8"; 2. Bob Walsh (D) 135'0"; 3. Ted DeInnocentis (A) 123'0"

HIGH JUMP: 1. Chris Cordima (A) 5'6"; 2. Aaron Miller (D) 5'4"; 3. Ethan Murphy (A) 5'4"

LONG JUMP: 1. Bob Keefe (D) 19'7"; 2. Jeremy Spiegel (A) 18'5"; 3. Greg Roy (A) 17'11"

TRIPLE JUMP: 1. Roy (A) 37'9"; 2. Spiegel (A) 37'7"; 3. Joe DiCarlo (D) 36'10"

POLE VAULT: 1. Long Dang (A) 10'0"; 2. Matt MacKenzie (A) 9'6"; 3. Steve Arsenault (A) 9'0"

110-METER HURDLES: 1. Phil Ayoub (A) 42.4; 2. Dang (A) 18.1; 3. Kyle Miller (A) 18.9

300-METER HURDLES: 1. Ayoub (A) 42.4; 2. Dang (A) 45.1; 3. Miller (A) 46.9

100 METERS: 1. Keefe (D) 11.3; 2. Spiegel (A) 11.4; 3. Murphy (A) 11.9

200 METERS: 1. Keefe (D) 23.1; 2. Matt Aufiero (A) 23.4; 3. Andy Pelletier (A) 24.4

400 METERS: 1. Matt Spitzer (A) 55.8; 2. Matt Fiorello (D) 57.5; 3. Jon Ofria (A) 57.7

800 METERS: Hasan Erdem (A) 2:07; 2. Sean Grady (D) 2:11; 3. Terrence Fitzsimmons (A) 2:12

MILE: 1. Greg Stamm (A) 4:46.9; 2. Sean Higgins (A) 4:51; 3. Steve Hibino (A) 5:34

2-MILE: 1. Chris Rillahan (A) 10:47; 2. Matt Brooks (A) 11:11; 3. Matt Schroeder (A) 11:35

4x100 RELAY: 1. Andover (Roy, Murphy, Pelletier & Aufiero), 46.6

4x400 RELAY: 1. Andover (Rillahan, Stamm, Spitzer & Higgins), 3:53.3

Records: Andover 1-0, Dracut 0-1.

Warrior Baseball School schedule set

The fifth annual Andover Warrior Baseball School will run in three Monday-Friday sessions June 29-July 3, July 6-10 and July 13-17 at the Andover West Middle School field complex.

Daily sessions at the school, for youngsters ages 7-15 years, will go from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The program is run by the Andover High varsity coaching staff, along with past and present AHS players.

The fundamentals of hitting, bunting, fielding, throwing, catching, baserunning and position play will be stressed.

Campers will be grouped by age, there will be drill stations, individual player evaluations, daily games, awards and T-shirts.

Ken Maglio is the camp director and Kevin Rourke

the assistant director.

Maglio is chairman of District 1 of the National High School Baseball Coaches Association.

The AHS head varsity coach is also a three-time Merrimack Valley Conference Coach-of-the-Year.

His teams are 91-26 over five seasons and have won three league titles and two Division 1 North championships while qualifying for the tournament five times.

The cost is \$125 per session, with a \$10 discount for those taking any two sessions, and a \$25 discount for those taking all three.

In case of rain the school will move indoors to the Andover High Field House.

For further information contact Ken Maglio at (978) 623-8709.

SPORTSTALK

By Rick Harrison

This column, compiled from information supplied by the colleges or by friends and relatives of the student-athletes, youth standouts and coaches involved, is published periodically in the Townsman. Information may be mailed to the office at 33

Chestnut St., Andover, 01810, or fax it to 978-470-2819.

Matt Wolcott of Andover, a senior third baseman at UMass Amherst, was named the Atlantic-10 Player of the Week in baseball for the week ending March 29.

Wolcott helped lead the

Minutemen to a three-game sweep of LaSalle College, batting .700 (7-for-10) with a double and two home runs.

He also drove in 10 runs, including a single-game career-high six RBI in an 18-0 romp, and reached base in 11 of 14 plate appearances against the Explorers.

Wolcott was a three-year varsity baseball standout at Andover High and a member of the 1988 Andover National Little League All-Star team that won state and Northeast Regional titles to advance to the World Series in Williamsport, Pa.

Carolyn Vallee of Andover was a junior defender on the Nichols College women's soccer team last fall, coming back from a knee injury her sophomore season to play in 14 games.

Ryan Moynihan of Andover, a sophomore cen-

ter on the Cornell University ice hockey team, scored the winning goal with 1:07 left in overtime as the Big Red edged host Colgate 3-2 in a kate-season game.

Moynihan attended Andover High and Cushing Academy, earning five let-

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John Colangeli, 12, son of John and Barbara Colangeli of Acropolis Circle, won the silver medal in the Mountain Dew Challenge Vertical



John Colangeli

Slalom Ski Race Feb. 14 at Cannon Mountain, N.H. His competition included racers from the Franconia Notch Ski Team. More than 300 racers from many states competed in the Valentine's Day competition.

John is a sixth-grader at Doherty Middle School. His mother also raced, and took eighth place in her age group. John is the grandson of Barbara and Frank Fitzgerald and Vi and Eugene Colangeli, both of Medford.

His second place finish earned him a place in the Northeast and Canadian finals on April 4 at Loon Mountain, N.H.

John has raced for the Andover Ski Team since the age of 3 and presently races for the Bradford Ski Team and is a top point-scorer for his team. Volunteers primarily run these teams with Ellen Lynch (Tychert) as volunteer president with the help of other parent volunteers. Most ski racing development teams, USSA sanctioned Buddy Werner Teams, like Bradford, are run by volunteers, who organize eight to 10 races plus qualifiers and championships per season. Unlike other countries, ski racing is not funded until a competitor reaches the United States Ski Team. The Bradford Ski Team has been an outstanding performer over the years, racing against Nashoba, Ward Hill/Shrewsbury, Dover/Sherborn, Waltham, Lincoln/Sudbury along with qualifiers with Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut. Many Bradford racers compete in the Thompson Trophy and many go on to the Eastern Finals.

His sisters, Christine and Jennifer, were also top competitors for the Andover ski team and high school. Both are graduates of the University of Vermont. Christine works for the USSA World Cup in Park City, Utah, and owns Mud City Adventures in Stowe, VT. Jennifer is a ski instructor at Bradford Ski Area after returning from an internship in Boulder, Colo.

John had the opportunity to attend the World Cup Ski Opening in Park City in November as a VIP. Alberto Tomba signed his Boeri ski helmet and he spent evenings with the US ski team who went to Nagano, thanks to his sister, Christine.

The Merrimack Valley Pirates swim team captured numerous gold medals at the New England 12

and Under Short Course Swimming Championships held this past weekend at Dartmouth College. The Pirates finished second overall among the 77 teams throughout New England that were represented at the three-day meet.

Brian Fiske captured seven gold medals in the 11-12 boys' division and established two New England records: in the 50 back (27.36) and 100 back (58.09). His other gold medals came in the 100 free (52.60), 200 free (1:53.02), 500 free (5:03.42), 100 IM (1:01.18) and 200 IM (2:12.16).

Alexandra Siu finished second overall in the 11-12 girls' division. She took gold in the 200 IM (2:16.33), silver in the 50 breast (32.93) and 100 breast (1:10.95), and bronze in the 100 free (56.84), 200 free (2:02.70) and 100 IM (1:04.32). She also had a fourth-place finish in the 500 free (5:23.34).

Erin McAuliffe finished third overall among 8 and under girls. She won the gold medal in the 50 back (36.53) and bronze medals in the 50 free (33.07), 100 free (1:11.37) and 25 back (17.59). McAuliffe also finished in the top six in three other events.

In the 11-12 girls' 500 free, Elizabeth Mancuso ran away from the field with a 25.41. The 8 and under girls' relay team of McAuliffe, Kathrine-Ann Kinnett, Amanda Cecere and Tiffany Petzold won gold medals in the 100 free relay (1:05.77) and 100 medley relay (1:18.43).

The 11-12 boys' relay team of Fiske, Matt Williams, Sean Geary and Jonathan Meltz won the silver medal in the 400 free relay (4:06.36) and the bronze in the 200 free relay (1:52.13). The team of Fiske, Williams, Geary and Matt Judell-Halfpenny won the silver in the 200 medley relay (2:03.34). The 11-12 girls' relay team of Siu, Mancuso, Kate Page and Justine Douvadjian won silver in the 200 free relay (1:47.70), bronze in the 400 free relay (3:56.82) and added a sixth in the 200 medley relay. The 9-10 girls' relay of Caitlin Doherty, Nicole Lorigan, Emily Pallotta and Jenny Geary took the silver medal in the 400 free relay (4:38.89) and added a fifth in the 200 free relay and a seventh in the 200 medley relay. The 8 and under girls relay team of Kelly Driscoll, Maura Ryan, Margot Ryan and Ilana Cohen finished seventh in the 100 free relay and 11th in the 100 medley relay.

Other Pirates swimmers placing in individual events included Caitlin Doherty (who won the silver medal in the 9-10 girls' 200 IM with a time of 2:36.76), Tiffany Petzold, Kate Page, Amanda Cecere, Kathrine-Ann Kinnett, Jonathan Castaldo, Nicole Lorigan, Sean Geary and Matt Judell-Halfpenny.

The Merrimack Valley Pirates are under the direction of head coach Mike Spring and train at the Greater Lawrence Technical School in Andover.

George K. Lewis Jr. and Thomas Kennedy Jr., defensemen on the Andover Pee Wee A ice hockey



St. Augustine's C Team won the Church League championship of the girls' Intermediate Division with a perfect 9-0 record. Members of the undefeated team are, front, from left: Alyssa Bindman, Paige Shaffer, Kristin Villaneuva, Leah Rubin, Michelle Pirro, Alexandra Miliotis, Arianna Miliotis; back, Coach Brad Koffman, Lisa DiTroia, Jackie Powers, Coach Dave Powers, Jessie Koffman, Jamie Gilbert, Coach Mark Miliotis. Missing from photo: Jennifer Henry. The trophies were presented at the annual girls vs. parents' game (which still kept the team's record perfect).

team and the Dual-State Huskies Select Pee Wee Major team, will represent the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the National Select League Ice Hockey championship games in Chicago, Ill., April 1-5. The Dual-State Huskies won the state title and trip to Chicago by defeating the South Shore Dynamos 5-4 in sudden-death overtime on March 18 in Bridgewater.

The Huskies will play their opening games in Chicago against teams representing Southeastern Atlantic states, Northern New England, Michigan and Alaska.

Kennedy, son of Thomas and Mary Claire Kennedy of Lawrence, and Lewis, son of George and Diane Lewis of 5 Bayberry Lane, have played with the Andover Hockey Association since they learned to

skate. Lewis is in the eighth grade at Doherty Middle School.

Kelly and Kevin Duncan of Andover appeared in the 86th annual Skating Club of Boston production of "Ice Chips" Saturday, April 4, and Sunday, April 5, at 1 p.m., at Northeastern's Matthews Arena. "Ice Chips 1998" showcased skaters from the Greater Boston area, and featured the Olympic dance pair Amy Webster and Ron Kravette, and Shepard Clark, international competitor and a 1998 World Team alternate. This year's program included production numbers celebrating treasured childhood legends, fables and fairy tales.

Kelly, 11, is a sixth-grade student at West Middle School. She skated in the "Humpty Dumpty" children's production number. Kevin, 8, is a third-grade student at West Elementary School. He skated in the "Three Blind Mice" production number. This is their second year as members of the Ice Chips skating ensemble.

Other highlights of the program included exhibitions by precision skating teams. "Ice Chips 1998" is officially sanctioned by the United States Figure Skating Association and directed by Tommy McGuinness.

The Andover-North Andover YMCA Synchers synchronized swimming team sent 11 members to compete in the A-Zone meet at central Long Island. The area meet drew teams from New Jersey, Con-



Kelly and Kevin Duncan

necticut, Pennsylvania, New York and Massachusetts with 69 athletes vying for awards in intermediate and age group categories. This was the first opportunity for the Synchers to try their routines in out-of-state competition. The meet was composed of two parts: compulsory figures and team or solo routines. Each athlete is judged on ability to perform required technical elements in compulsory figures. For team or solo routines, the athlete performs the basic figures with more artistic components in a routine synchronized to music.

Elizabeth Rheame of Lawrence took second place in the 12-13 age group in the figures part of the meet. Esther Kovach of North Andover came in sixth with Rita

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Thomas Kennedy Jr., and George K. Lewis Jr.

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ters in hockey and four in baseball. At Cushing he had 47 goals and 58 assists for 105 points in 36 games.

Hugh Quattlebaum of Andover was a key reserve for the Amherst College men's basketball team, which had the best start in the school's hoop history with an 11-0 record.

In games against Wesleyan and Williams, the Phillips Academy graduate averaged 13 points and two steals while being lauded for his deadly perimeter shooting and tenacious defense. The sophomore added 10 points in the record-shattering 11th straight win, an 82-68 conquest of Trinity.

For the season Quattlebaum averaged 8.1 points and 3.0 rebounds per game.

The Lord Jeffs were ranked No. 5 in the nation at one juncture.

Mike Sullivan of Andover, a defensive back on the Amherst College men's soccer team, has been named to the fall New England Small College Athletic Conference All-Academic Team.

To be eligible, a student-athlete must sustain a cumulative average of honor grades and make significant contributions to his or her varsity team.

The Jeffs finished the soccer season at 12-3-2, qualifying for the NCAA Tournament, and Sullivan was a major season why Amherst posted a miniscule 1.29 goals-against average.

The Phillips Academy graduate is also a standout baseball player.

Sullivan and Quattlebaum are also off to strong starts for the Amherst College baseball team, which opened the 1998 spring season with eight straight wins in Fort Myers, Fla., and was 9-2 after 11 games.

Quattlebaum ranked fourth on the team in hitting with a .390 average, 16-for-41 including a team-high three homers and seven RBI.

Team Capt. Sullivan was close behind at .366, on 15-for-41, with one homer and 10 RBI.

Sullivan delivered the game-winning hit against Division 1 Nia-

gara in the Florida finale, a two-run single in the bottom of the seventh to complete a comeback from behind 7-6 victory.

Heidi Cline of Andover is off to another fast start for the Amherst College women's lacrosse team, which had a 3-2 record after its first five games.

The Jeffs' senior captain scored four goals in a season-opening 9-7 loss to Drew University.

She added three goals in a 7-5 victory over Skidmore, and numbered her milestone 100th career goal among the five she netted in a 17-4 rout of Wheaton College.

Cline contributed three goals in a 16-3 romp over Springfield and led the team in scoring after five games with 15 goals, two assists.

Dave Burke of Andover, a graduate of St. John's Prep in Danvers, was a member of the Bates College swimming and diving team.

Burke, a junior, became the first diver in Bates history to earn All-America honors when he finished 15th in

both the one- and three-meter events at last year's NCAA Championships.

In this year's recent New England Championships at Wesleyan University, Burke earned All-New England honors by placing fifth in both the one- and three-meter diving.

In the one-meter event, Burke broke his own school scoring record for 11 dives with 396.66 points. He added a 377.75 score off the three-meter board.

Kate Lennon of Andover competed for Regis College in the recent New England Division II and III Swim-

ming and Diving Championships.

The senior captain had personal-best times in the 200-yard backstroke (2:38.27), the 100 backstroke (1:14.24) and the 50 backstroke (34.23).

Lennon also swam a leg on the 200 freestyle and 200 medley relay.

The Andover High graduate also swam for the Lady Warriors team for four years.

Twin brothers **Chad** and **John Bowman**, former Andover residents, recently closed out their collegiate basketball careers at Messiah Col-

lege in Grantham, Pa.

Four-year starters, Chad is the Falcons' all-time career assist leader

while John is among the school's career scoring leaders.



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Gillan of Andover fourth and Chelsea Portney of Andover fifth in the under 11 age group. Lauren Marsh of Andover and Mary Cate Sullivan of North Andover took sixth and eighth places respectively in the 14 and over intermediate competition.

The 12-13 team won gold in the team routine with their routine to the "Flintstones" theme song. For Sarah Hansen, Gillan and Portney, Laura Ellison, Lauren Davey and Kovach of North Andover, Lea Vessel of Newton, and Rheume, this meet represented their official move up to the Age-Group category from intermediate. Portney, despite sustaining a kick to her head during the 2 minute, 50 second routine, was able to resume her place and help ensure the team's success.

The 14 and older intermediate team placed first with Marsh, Emily Todd and Sullivan of North Andover performing their routine to a collection of Beach Boys tunes.

Gillan and Portney duets won in the 11 and under category and Ellison and Rheume took second and Kovach and Vessel third in the 12-13 group.

Solo performances by Kovach (12-13) and Gillan (11 and under) brought third and fourth places, respectively. "I was nervous about my solo, I was alone in the water," said Gillan. "I really like the team routine because you can work together with other girls, you're not the only one out there."

"I was extremely impressed seeing how well the girls handled the pressure of this event," said coach Genia Gillan.

Twenty members of the Andover/North Andover YMCA Hurricane swim team made qualifying times and traveled to Princeton, N.J., to compete in the seventh East Field Regional YMCA championships. There were 63 teams with 1,511 swimmers from the Eastern third of the United States. Those swimming with the team were: Tracy Shessler, Alex Cronin, John Dambrossio, Holly Hinds, Sandra Hardy, Kelsey Dodge, Jen Marino, Lauren and Diana Harlow, Sara and Elizabeth Demers, Ashley Snedicker, Caitlin Hamer, Dana Medaglio, Kira Tokarz, Amy Caron, Julia Nizinski, Emily Brenner, Meaghan Morris, and Tracy O'Malley. Shessler, Cronin, L. Harlow, S.

Demers, Hinds, Hardy, Medaglio, and Nizinski achieved YMCA long course national cut times and will compete in national championships in Nashville, TN this summer.

The girls team finished seventh overall, with a strong performance by the 12 and under girls (second overall) and the 10 and under girls (fifth overall). The 12 and under girls medley team of L. Harlow, Demers, Medaglio, and Snedicker placed second, and the free relay team of Harlow, Demers, Snedicker, and Hamer finished third. The 10 and under girls medley relay of E. Demers, D. Harlow, Morris, and Brenner placed third and the free relay team of Demers, Harlow, Brenner and O'Malley finished eighth.

Lauren Harlow placed fifth overall in the 12 and under girls and Sara Demers tied for sixth overall in this division. Elizabeth Demers took the most points for the 10 and unders with a third overall.

Individuals placing in the top 12 were:

15-18 girls: Shessler, 200 individual medley, eighth

13-14 girls: Hardy, 100 breast, sixth; 200 breast, 11th

11-12 girls: L. Harlow, 200 I.M., third; 100 back, fourth; 200 free, fourth; 100 free, sixth; 500 free, seventh. S. Demers, 100 fly, third; 50 back, fourth; 50 fly, fifth; 100 back seventh; 100 free, ninth; 50 free, ninth. Snedicker, 200 I.M., 12th. Medaglio 50 breast, 12th.

9-10 girls: E. Demers, 50 and 100 breast, first; 100 I.M., third; 100 back, fifth; 50 back, sixth. D. Harlow, 100 breast, 11th; Brenner, 100 breast, 12th; Morris, 100 fly, sixth; 50 fly, eighth.

The team's 8 and under age group swam in the YMCA New England Championships at Brown University in Providence, R.I. The boys free relay team of Thomas Dodge, John Gigioli, Ian Accomando, and John Baroni placed 11th. The girls team of Kelsey Morris, Margaret Doherty, Emily Rees, and Keri Gaj finished second in the medley relay and third in the free relay. Morris placed second overall with seconds in the 25 free and 25 fly and seventh in the 25 back. Gaj took third in the 25 back.

The Andover 6th Grade Boys Travel basketball team, along with the 7th and 8th Grade Boys Travel teams is coordinated by Joe Iarrobino and sponsored in part by St. Robert's, is coached by Larry Renfro. It competes



The Andover-North Andover 1998 synchronized swimming team

in the Suburban League against teams from towns north and west of Boston. The team competed in five tournaments and were champions in three of them. The team's record was 41 wins and nine losses. The losses were between just 2 and 6 points.

The players were truly a "team" in every sense of the word, Coach Renfro said. He strived to mold them into an unselfish, cohesive unit. Point guard Doug Powers averaged just under 20 points per game for the season. His running mate in the back court, Jonathan DeLeo, provided many tough baskets. The center position was manned by burly Chris "Biggie" Vining whose rebounding, scoring and inside presence made him a force to be reckoned with. Jarrett Mackin proved to be a versatile forward who combined speed, ball-handing, rebounding and shooting. Steve Renfro started at the other forward position providing an excellent shooting touch from the outside. The team's "sixth man" was Brendon Smith, whose hard-nosed play earned him time in the front court as well as the back court.

Phil Perkins added a physical presence to the front court with his rebounding and shot-blocking ability. Brent Hyde delivered excellent play in the back court. Joel Keefe constantly hounded whoever he was defending and Mike Gibson demonstrated the ability to shoot the ball with consistency. Nick Webber scored well and delivered several outstanding passes during the season. Matt Hill contributed valuable minutes up front as well as in the back court before his season was cut short due to illness.

The league schedule included contests against Peabody, Everett, Reading, Brookline, Wakefield and Lawrence Boys Club. The team went undefeated in the Reading Tournament early in the season. That was followed by sweeping five games in the St. Augustine's of Lawrence Tournament in which Doug Powers was named tournament MVP. In the North Andover Tournament the team came out of the loser's bracket by winning five games the final day and seven in total to defeat Wakefield in the championship game. The team then competed in the very tough Walpole Invitational at BU and defeated Sharon and Foxboro while falling to tourney champion Franklin. The season ended with a hard-fought two-point loss to arch-rival Peabody in the semifinals of the Endicott College Tournament.

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Mr. Vellino has over 30 years in the business, his last 2 years have

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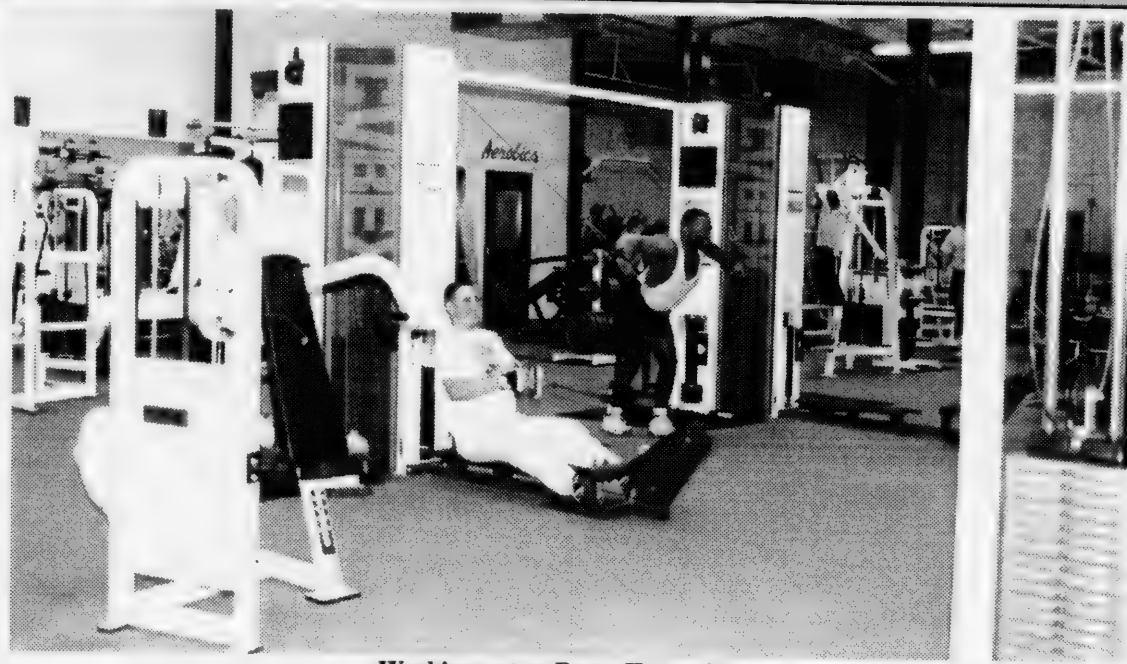
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Dennis M. Powers and Jeanette M. Powers to Lion Funding Corp., dated May 29, 1986 and recorded with the Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 2209, Page 137 of which mortgage FT Mortgage Companies d/b/a FTB Mortgage Services, as successor by merger to Sunbelt National Mortgage Corporation is the present holder by assignment, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 9:00 a.m. on May 6, 1998, on the mortgaged premises located at 3 Alderbrook Road, Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

TO WIT:

The land with the buildings thereon situated in Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts, and being shown as Lot 23 on a Plan of Alderbrook Estates, Andover, Mass., Sec. I, which plan is recorded with North District of Essex Registry of Deeds as Plan No. 1699 and bounded and described as follows:

SOUTHERLY by Alderbrook Road eighty eight feet;
WESTERLY by Lot 24 on said Plan one hundred fifty
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For mortgagors' title see deed recorded with Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 1776, Page 284.

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MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

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Those certain parcels of land with the buildings thereon, situated in Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts, and shown as Lots No. 32 and 32GA, on Sheet No. 4 of 4 Sheets of River Ridge Estates on Plan filed with the North Essex Registry of Deeds as Plan No. 5339, and said premises are more particularly bounded and described as follows according to said plan:

LOT 32:

EASTERLY: by the westerly line of Gemini
Circle, 72.20 feet:

SOUTHEASTERLY: 227.59 feet by Lot 31:

SOUTHWESTERLY: 247.58 feet by Lot 32GA:

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SOUTHWESTERLY: again 22.12 feet by land now or formerly of Patrick H. Cadogan and Katherine Maloney;

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LOT 32GA:

Lot containing 1,827 square feet shown on the aforementioned Plan No. 5339, to which plan reference is made for a more particular description.

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Being the same premises conveyed to the Mortgagors by deed from Patricia A. Oscarsson, dated February 14, 1983, and recorded with the Essex North District Registry of Deeds at Book 1646, Page 217.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

(SEAL) Case No. 246858

To George S. Woodward; Hope P. Woodward and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended: Bankers Trust Company of California, N.A., as Trustee of the Advanta Mortgage Loan Trust 1997-4 claiming to be the holder of a mortgage covering real property in Andover, numbered 138 Summer Street given by George S. Woodward and Hope P. Woodward to Pacific Thrift and Loan Company, dated July 29, 1997, and recorded with the Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 4805, Page 58 and now held by the plaintiff by assignment has filed with said court a complaint for authority to foreclose said mortgage in the manner following: by entry and possession and exercise of power of sale.

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Funding has been made available for approximately 20 positions. If you are interested in applying for an "Our Town" summer job, you may pick up an application form from your guidance department, the Town's Human Resource Department or the Department of Community Services. You may also call (978) 623-8530 and request an application be sent to you.

Completed applications must be returned by Monday, April 27, 1998, to the Town's Human Resource Department at the address below.

Our Town Summer Employment Program
c/o Human Resource Department
36 Bartlet Street
Andover, MA 01810

A lottery will be held to select applicants for these positions on **Thursday, April 30, 1998, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Selectmen's Meeting Room in the Town Office building. You are invited to attend. Selected applicants should expect to work 40 hours every week for the duration of the program. However, we hope to sponsor a few part-time (20 hr/wk) positions, as well. If you are interested in only working part-time, please note this on your application.

Employment will begin July 1st and end August 21st. Most of the "Our Town" positions are full-time and applicants should expect to work 40 hours every week for the duration of the program. However, we hope to sponsor a few part-time (20 hr/wk) positions, as well. If you are interested in only working part-time, please note this on your application.



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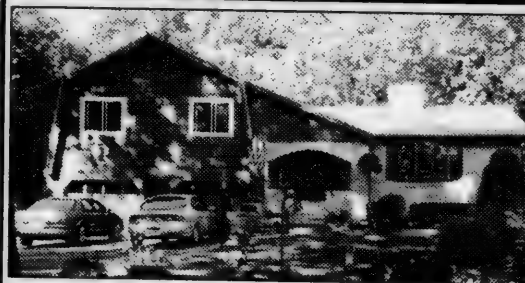
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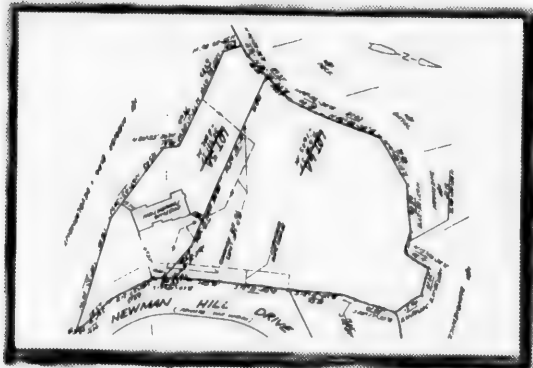




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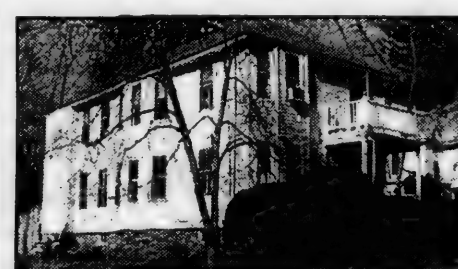
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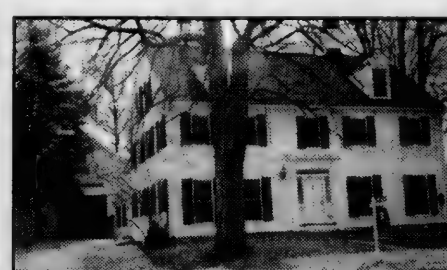
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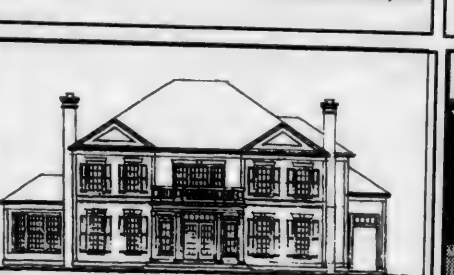
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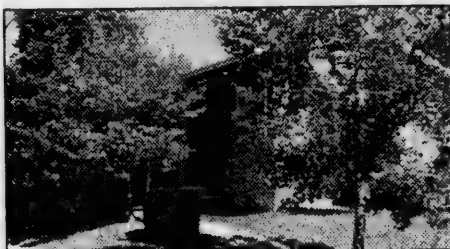
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Proper wet-weather driving depends on technique and tires

Nearly 1 million vehicle accidents a year occur in wet weather, according to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration statistics.

Many of these rainy-day wrecks are caused by motorists failing to appreciate the vast difference between driving in wet and dry conditions said Peter Cunningham, a championship-winning race car driver who tours for Firestone, teaching driving skills and educating consumers about the importance of proper tires.

"It's very different than driving on dry pavement, but many motorists fail to change techniques and attention," Cunningham said. "That's when many wet weather accidents occur."

Cunningham's wet weather driving tips include:

- **Slow down.**

As your speed increases, the tire footprint—the amount of the tire's tread contacting the road surface —



decreases, providing less traction. By slowing down, you also reduce the risk of hydroplaning should you run into deeper water puddled on the road.

- **Choose tires carefully.**

For optimum performance in the rain, select a tire with tread design and rubber compounds that provide enhanced wet weather driving capabilities. Choose a tire that enhances wet performance and also optimizes wear resistance for longer tread life. The tire's tread design should combine wide, straight grooves and deep rib notches to evacuate water from the tire and help avoid hydroplaning situations.

- **Properly maintain your tires.**

No tire can provide good wet traction once the tread is worn below $\frac{3}{32}$ of an inch tread depth. Check your tires regularly and replace them at the proper time. Also, maintain the proper air pressure in your tires; check your vehicle manufacturer handbook or the door jamb for the proper air pressure

for your particular vehicle and tires.

- **Maintain a safe distance.**

Even with good wet-weather tires, be prepared for longer stopping distances on wet pavement as opposed to dry.

- **Avoid hydroplaning.**

If you feel your vehicle starting to hydroplane (riding on the water surface), gently take your foot off the accelerator — don't hit your brakes. If you have a manual transmission, push in the clutch and let the vehicle slow down until control is regained.

- **Turn on your lights.**

In most states it's required by law. It may not help you see, but it will help other drivers see you.

"Think about your driving and install good tires for wet weather," Cunningham said. "Don't be shy about asking for information from your tire retailer. Your safety — and mine — could depend on your tires and how you think."

How to care for your car's finish

Numerous stories have been published about when to wax a car and how long a waxed finish lasts. With each story, there are just as many questions raised about the new clear coat finishes that are applied at the auto manufacturing plant and how long they last. What's a car owner to believe? Here are answers from the experts who know about a car's delicate painted finish and how to care for it.

"On a brand new car or one that has just been painted, there's no need to apply a wax to the finish for approximately its first two years of service," according to Todd Wendt, director of product training for Sherwin-Williams' Automotive Division. "After two years, a conventional clear coated finish will start to break down and lose its gloss." To easily spot the deterioration, Wendt recommends comparing the car's finish with a certain

area of the hood which is protected from weathering by a molding or emblem.

The 'super waxes' that are sometimes applied at the car dealership by a professional will retain their gloss a little longer than hand-applied waxes, but will still break down after a few months, explains Wendt. The dealership applied waxes are typically applied with a buffing machine so they will remove more oxidation than if the wax were applied by hand. The buffing pads also will force the wax into the small paint crevices to better seal off the finish.

To keep the finish sealed off, Wendt recommends visiting a professional car wash which offers a waxing service. "These work very well and are less expensive than having the car's finish machine-waxed every year," he said. "They're also much easier than doing it by yourself."

One word of caution—A freshly painted finish should never have wax applied to it until the paint has cured for at least 90 days. Otherwise, the wax can seal the paint solvents into the finish which can cause paint failure. This will manifest itself in the form of peeling and/or severe dulling of gloss.

The bottom line is a newly or freshly painted car should be waxed after 24 to 36 months to keep that like-new gloss. It should then be waxed or polished every six months thereafter in order to keep the road film build-up and oxidation off the finish as it continues to breakdown from normal and expected deterioration.

According to the International Carwash Association (ICA), an industry trade organization representing more than 12,000 car washes around the world, acid rain is a major cause of damage to car finishes. Acid rain is most common in very high industrial areas, but can happen almost anywhere.

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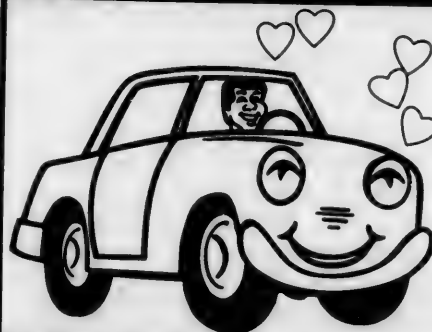
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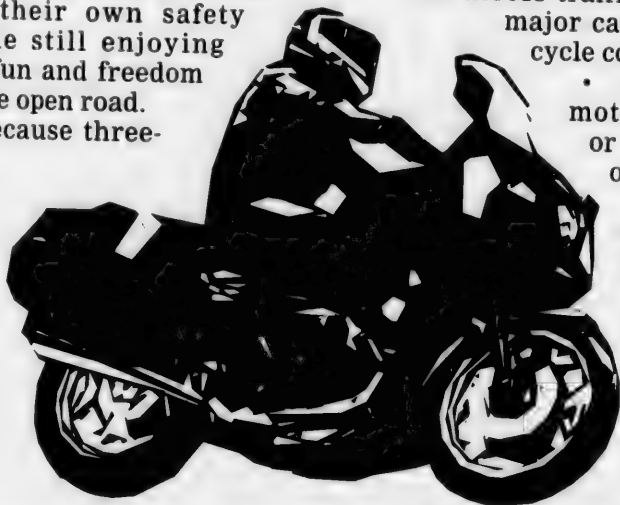
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Motorcycle accidents and fatalities declining

A recently released report from the Motorcycle Safety Foundation shows that in the last decade, motorcycle accidents and fatalities in the United States have decreased dramatically.

The decrease in accidents is good news for the nearly 20 million American motorcycle enthusiasts, who, through basic precautions, can help provide for their own safety while still enjoying the fun and freedom of the open road.

Because three-



prefer full-face helmets.

- Wear brightly colored protective apparel: Gloves, jacket, pants and boots. At night, use light-reflecting attire.

- Look as far down the road as possible. Watch for changing traffic patterns, accidents or obstructions that may require evasive maneuvers.

- Be cautious of drivers turning left across traffic lanes. This is a major cause of car/motorcycle collisions.

- Do not expect motorists to see you or to yield the right of way.

- Take a course to learn more about motorcycle safety.

Safety tips for car drivers:

- Always use turn signals to alert motorists where you are going.

- Share the road with motorcyclists. They have the same right of way as car drivers.

- Use caution when crossing intersections or when turning left in front of oncoming traffic. The number one cause of car/motorcycle collisions is cars turning left in front of oncoming motorcycles.

According to Turkington, "Some of these tips may seem obvious, but as a professional racer, I know that safety must be a top priority."

fourths of all motorcycle accidents involve collisions with other vehicles, national champion motorcycle racer Britt Turkington offers the following safety tips for motorcyclists, and a few suggestions for car drivers as well.

Safety tips for motorcyclists:

- NEVER operate a motorcycle (or any other vehicle) while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

- Always wear a helmet that meets with Department of Transportation standards. Many riders

How to care for your car's finish

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An ICA representative explains: "Essentially, industrial pollution that is airborne contains many chemicals that are composed of acids. These airborne contaminants can drift for hundreds of miles from their point of origin. In the dried dust form they pose not hazard to painted finish, but when they are mixed with water (rain), they become a liquid acid that can destroy a painted finish. When it rains, the acids are mixed with the weather where the rain comes in contact with the dusty surfaces of a car's finish. Additional chemical and acids are collected by rain drops as they fall (which is where acid rain obtained its name). The acidic water will land on a car and start to etch and burn into the finish, even beads of water on a car's finish get smaller. When an industrial or high pollution area doesn't have rainfall for several days or weeks, the dust that is settling on a car's finish builds up."

The best maintenance to prevent acid rain spotting is to have your car professionally cleaned at least once a week, especially in a high pollution/low rainfall area. Waxes will help protect the finish, but they are not bullet proof against strong acids that can land on a painted surface. Clear coat finishes are more forgiving against acid rain but, in time, they too deteriorate, leaving the paint pigment unprotected.

On cars without a clear coat, the acid will stain and discolor the finish easier, because the acid comes in direct contact with the pigments and will discolor or darken it. As a result, a red car may start to look purple. The change of color takes place typically on flat top surfaces where the acid rain is allowed to lay on the finish for long periods of time before evaporating.

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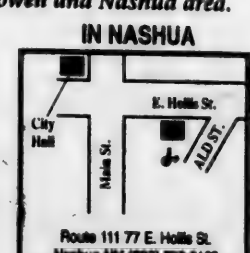
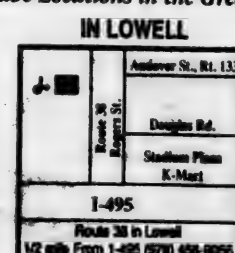
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Worn shock absorbers can affect vehicle safety

Springtime showers may be a help to your garden, but they can also compromise your safety. In a recent survey of male and female motorists, a majority of respondents identified wet or icy roads as their chief concern with respect to driving conditions that make them feel unsafe.

"Driving in poor weather conditions can affect visibility and your ability to control a vehicle," said Michelle Donaldson, a motorist from Westland, Mich. "It can

make for some very tense moments." While tires and brakes play a pivotal role in vehicle safety — particularly during quick maneuvers or sudden stops — these parts account for only two points of a vehicle's "Safety Triangle." The third point of the safety triangle is shock absorbers and struts, a critical link to tires and brakes because they assure a vehicle's tires maintain contact with the road.

According to Terry Heffelfinger,

group manager of worldwide product planning for Monroe brand shocks and struts, a vehicle's steering and braking ability depend on the secure contact between tires and the road.

"Adhesion to the road is directly influenced by a vehicle's shock absorber or strut performance," Heffelfinger said, "and when a ride control component is not functioning properly, the necessary contact between tire and road is diminished."

Heffelfinger said that shocks and struts help maintain tire-to-road contact by providing resistance to vehicle bounce, roll and

sway. For example, if you drive along a winding road, your vehicle's weight will shift from side-to-side and front-to-rear. Worn shocks or struts can allow excessive weight transfer, thereby reducing the ability of your tires to grip the road which could compromise vehicle safety.

In addition to vehicle roll and sway, tires also may lose contact with the road when driving on rough or uneven surfaces. This is known as

"tire hop." This condition is especially prevalent in parts of the country that have uneven pavement or potholes caused by temperature fluctuations and severe weather conditions.

"During tire hop, a vehicle does not have all four tires firmly on the ground at the same time," Heffelfinger said. "This can result in a loss of vehicle control because steering and braking are not operating correctly."

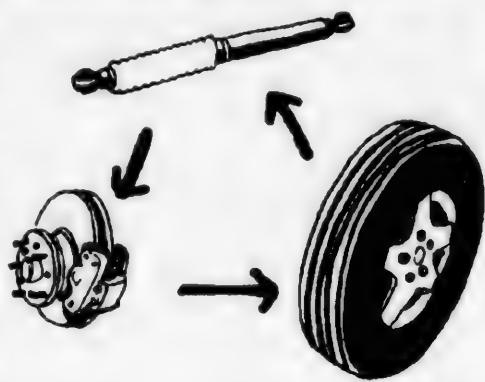
Shocks and struts help by producing downward force on tires, giving a vehicle the ability to resist bounce caused by rough road surfaces.

"There is no denying the importance that steering parts and brakes

play when it comes to vehicle safety," Heffelfinger said. "However, it is equally true that shocks and struts play a key role in helping brakes and tires do their job. Hence, the 'safety triangle' underscores the dependency that shocks-brakes-tires share in providing a safe driving experience."

Inclement weather or rush-hour traffic represent just a couple of conditions that can make driving a less comfortable experience. But identifying and maintaining the components that comprise your vehicle's safety triangle, can increase your confidence as a driver and provide a safe driving experience.

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What is an E-Class? The E-Class is the sleek round-eyed sedan that turned the luxury-car market on its head when it made its 1996 debut. For 1998, this best selling Mercedes-Benz line is expanding with the introduction of a luxury wagon. All three E-Class engines are new. The next generation of 4MATIC™ all-wheel drive, which includes the 4-wheel Electronic Traction System, is now optional on both the E320 Sedan and the E320 Wagon. And as before, the E-Class offers a diesel luxury sedan. Only now it's a turbodiesel that will get you from zero to 60 mph in under 10 seconds.

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The three new engines propel the E-Class toward perfection. Lighter, stronger and more efficient, the new engines are designed to deliver torque-rich response at lower rpm, to offer fuel economy that leads the luxury-car

1998 Mercedes-Benz E320 Wagon



class, to cut emissions by up to 40 percent, and to help reduce service costs by one-third. An E-Class will even tell the driver when it's time for an oil change based on how he/she drives, not just how far.

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braking and steering inputs, to determine if the E-Class is maintaining the intended course. EPS brakes the appropriate front or rear wheel or reduces excess engine power as needed to help correct oversteer or understeer and keep the car on course.

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An E-Class is an escape hatch. It's a microcosm of control. The E-Class is designed to keep passengers at ease and in control in the face of the unpredictable. Its climate control system has

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Preparing your car for spring and summer

By Joyce Crane

Have you ever watched a supermarket shopper select apples? She squeezes, she sniffs, she inspects and ultimately rejects, picks up another one and starts the process all over again. I've always wondered why a perfectly good apple gets left behind.

Another mystery that confounds me is car maintenance. I don't know a bloody thing about how a car runs and the truth is, I don't really want to.

That's why preventive maintenance is a must in my life. Mechanical failure is unfathomable. My only remedy is to call the American Automobile Association. After that I'm helpless.

That's why, this year, I'm taking the high road. Instead of waiting for disaster to strike on some lonely highway, I've got an appointment set with my mechanic for a spring checkup. I'm not willing to let mechanical failure stand between me and my family's annual road trip to the Cape.

But before I could make an appointment, I needed to do some research. A visit to the Shawsheen Plaza Sunoco where owner Stephen Curtin outlined the key maintenance areas, set me on the right path.

According to Curtin, the areas to check are belts and hoses because they can rupture in the heat. Brakes and tires also need checking, and be sure to get a tune-up and service the transmission, Curtin recommends.

Spring maintenance

My next stop was AAA for a list of summer car care tips. Here's what that organization suggests:

Tires - to help prevent dangerous and inconvenient tire failure, examine tires for uneven or excessive tread wear. Make sure all tires, including the spare, are properly inflated.

Belts and Hoses - With the engine off, look for worn or cracked belts and damaged, blistered or soft hoses.



Photo by Joyce Crane

Car maintenance is a priority at the Shawsheen Plaza Sunoco, according to owner Stephen Curtin (second from right). With him are his brother Joseph Curtin (far right), Dan Norris (left), and Steve Alakel (second from left).

Motor Oil - Check the level and condition of your motor oil. If driving under extreme conditions such as hot temperatures or towing a heavy trailer, switch to a motor oil with higher viscosity. Check your owner's manual for specific oil recommendations.

Engine Performance - Have your engine checked for hard starts, stalling, and poor pickup.

Air Conditioning - Maintain the air conditioning system so that it doesn't fail during a really hot spell.

Cooling System - Flush your cooling system and refill it about every 24 months. Check the level, condition and concentration of the coolant to ensure it has a 50/50 mix of anti-freeze and water.

Windshield Wipers - Refill the windshield washer fluid and check blades for wear. Good blades are a must during a summer thunderstorm.

Lights - Make sure all lights have working bulbs and clean lenses of dirt and insects.

Emergency Kit - Here's one that rang home for me: AAA and the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence reminds us that even properly maintained vehicles can break down, so be sure to equip your car with an emergency kit containing a flashlight with extra batteries, warning devices such as flares or reflective triangles, jumper cables and a first-aid kit.

Cellular Phone - A cellular phone provides an easy way to summon emergency assistance.

What to do if you break down

Thank heavens for AAA. The organization has issued a few safety tips in the event of a breakdown. This is just what an overly anxious type like me needs to feel better about the "what ifs" of road travel.

According to experts at AAA, the first rule is not to panic (guess they don't know who they're talking to). If your car is malfunctioning, signal and pull completely off the road on the shoulder. Avoid sudden moves that could cause an accident with another car.

Once on the roadside, turn on your hazard lights (flashers), and carefully get out of the car, using the passenger side, if necessary.

Remember those flares from your emergency road kit? Now is the time to use them.

Now here's the creepy part ... If temperature permits, get back in the car and lock all doors. If someone other than a uniformed police officer stops, roll down the window only enough to ask him or her to telephone the police, a service station, or your auto club, according to AAA.

The Club suggests using your best judgment in deciding whether to stay with your vehicle or go for help.

A cellular phone or citizens band radio is your best defense.

A roadside guide to water pump care

Over the life of your vehicle, your water pump will process some one million gallons of fluid. As the part responsible for circulating water and antifreeze/coolant throughout the engine, the water pump is truly the "heart" of the cooling system. If it fails, the engine's hours are numbered.

In fact, Dr. Dale McKenzie, vice president of R&D and a cooling system expert at Prestone Products Corporation, said, "Today's engines run hotter than ever and that's caused problems for water pumps. Some seven million cars each year experience a water pump-related problem. More often than not, these problems stem from the way heat and friction wear on the seals that keep water

pumps functioning properly."

Even new vehicles can start their lives with some manufacturing debris and solids in the cooling system. Over time, rust, scale and corrosion particles can also adhere to the water pump seal. The extraordinary heat and friction in the system can grind even minute amounts of solids right into the water pump seal, eroding the seal face. When that happens the water pump starts to leak and, if allowed to get worse, will eventually fail.

Rather than waiting for this to happen, it's much easier and less expensive to do some simple, regular cooling system maintenance. The first step is to check antifreeze/coolant regularly and

change it once every one or two years. The corrosion inhibitors in a quality antifreeze/coolant will help prevent the accumulation of rust and scale.

Next, there are new products especially made to lubricate and protect water pump seals. These water pump treatments build on the lubricant qualities of antifreeze/coolant but go farther than regular antifreeze technology. They combine polymer friction modifiers with DuPont Teflon® to provide the water pump cover, impeller and seals with a layer of friction-fighting protection.

These product can be added to existing or new antifreeze/coolant through the coolant overflow reservoir.

Driving in the rain? Wipers on, lights on

Spring is a good time to check and change wiper blades, as winter weather is tough on rubber blades. April showers may bring May flowers, but driving in the rain can bring a rash of accidents.

That's why legislators in almost 20 states have enacted regulations requiring motorists to turn on their headlights any time it rains. The aim is to make it easier for others to see you when visibility is poor.

Obviously, the safest way to drive is with headlights on having wiper blades in good condition. Studies have shown that as many as 25 percent of vehicles on the road have bad wipers.

Spring is the best time to check the blades, since winter weather is the worst on them. Continual freezing and thawing can damage the rubber blade, not to mention abrasive road salt and the regular beatings by car owners using ice scrapers. Wipers should be inspected every six months and replaced as needed.

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liver added.

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Listen to your car when you think something's wrong

Little kids cry when they're not feeling well. Adults wheeze or groan. How does your car tell you when something's wrong? In lots of ways, according to the Automotive Service Association.

If you suspect your car's not at its best, listen carefully. Describing the sounds you hear will help your automotive technician begin to diagnose the problem.

ASA suggests listening for:

Booms that sound like a bass drum.
Grinding, like metal rubbing against metal.

Buzzing that sounds like a bee.

Hisses, like the sound of air escaping from a tire.

Rattling that sounds just like a child's toy.

Squeaks, like rubbing on a glass surface.

Of course, be sure to pay attention to your dashboard malfunction indicator lights, strange smells, and handling and performance difficulties.

Here are some more signs of car trouble:

Black, blue, gray or white smoke coming from the rear of the car or from under the hood.

The car hesitates or there's a delayed response when you push the accelerator pedal.

The car stalls at stop signs or red lights.

The vehicle tends to pull to one side when traveling.

The car vibrates.

A sweet and steamy smell could be coming from leaking antifreeze.

A sulfur-like odor (rotten eggs) could indicate emissions problems.

When you talk with your technician, describe all the symptoms, no matter how large or small. And be sure to answer all of the technician's questions, no matter how irrelevant they may seem.

Be precise when describing your car's problem and use simple language. Technical jargon is best left to the technicians. Like a doctor, the technician will consider all the symptoms and begin to diagnose the problem.

Here's one more thing to keep in mind. Like people, cars benefit from regular checkups. Routine maintenance will save you time and money, and may prevent severe problems in the future.

Wash away old man winter

Spring is an ideal time to remove winter's residue and build-up. While sometimes very visible, salt, dirt, grime and other winter contaminants can also hide in the seams and crevasses eating away at your car's finish, causing dulling, pitting and over time, rust.

By following a few simple steps, you can protect your investment and add life to your car:

- Give your vehicle a thorough washing. When washing it yourself be sure to use a cleaner manufactured for automobile use. Don't use common household detergents.

- Vacuum all carpets and fabric seats. Salt and dirt get into cars each time you do and are abrasive substances that can actually become ground-in and wear down the fabric or carpet.

- Just as you would have the carpets in your home cleaned, have the carpets and seats shampooed to remove all dirt, salt and residue.

- Get under the car and power wash the underside. Follow the owner's manual guidelines, since most manufacturers recommend a cleaning to help prevent corrosion.

- Check the drain holes in the bottom of the door to make sure they are not clogged with mud, dirt or salt. These holes are critical for proper drainage.

- Clean out the trunk, especially the sides, where dirt often hides.

- To finish off the job, clean the windows well, since they have been closed up all winter and may have film on them.

Whether you're a do-it-yourselfer or have it professionally cleaned, be sure that it's done thoroughly. Any residue that's left behind, whether it's salt, dirt, soap, or cleaning solutions that weren't properly extracted, can actually attract more dirt and possibly cause staining.

Once clean, it's equally important to use protective coatings to preserve the life of the vehicle and keep it looking vibrant and new. There are different levels of protection for the car's exterior, ranging from wax, which you can apply yourself and will last about three months, to a professionally-applied protective resin, which lasts about a year.

By maintaining your vehicle with regular washings and waxing, you can help protect your investment and keep it looking new.

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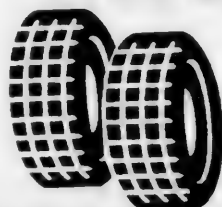
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Skin cancer: stemming the tide

By some estimates, roughly 750,000 Americans develop skin cancer every year, making it the most common form of cancer in the United States. Its incidence has been steadily growing, rising about 10 percent per decade over the past 30 to 40 years. According to Suzanne Olbricht, MD, chair of the Department of Dermatology at Lahey Clinic Medical Center, the reasons for this all boil down to increased exposure to sunlight — particularly ultraviolet rays.

"One problem is that people are wearing less clothing than at the turn of the century, and it's long been quite fashionable for people with a lot of leisure time to get a tan," she says. "And in fact, it's now the general consensus that losing the ozone layer allows more of the ultraviolet rays of the sun to get to the earth, and that's the segment of the

electromagnetic spectrum that's implicated in causing skin cancer."

There are three main types of skin cancer: basal cell carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma and malignant melanoma.

Basal cell carcinoma

Basal cells make up the bottom layer of the epidermis and eventually replace dead or eroded cells on the skin's surface. Basal cell carcinoma, which results from long-term exposure to strong sunlight, is the most common form of skin cancer, accounting for about 500,000 cases each year.

This type of skin cancer most commonly occurs on the head and neck. It usually appears as a very slow-growing reddish bump next to an enlarged blood vessel. Typically, the

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The ulcer cure

Don't blame your stressful job, your worrisome teenagers or spicy meatballs for your ulcers. The real culprit is most likely a spiral-shaped bacterium known as *Helicobacter pylori* — *H. pylori* for short.

A majority of peptic ulcers — commonly known as stomach ulcers — are linked to this bacterial infection and can be cured with antibiotics. This is good news for the 25 million Americans affected by ulcers, painful crater-like holes in the lining of the stomach and the duodenum (the upper part of the small intestine).

A gnawing, burning pain

Once thought to be a disease of middle-aged men, ulcers can affect anyone. The incidence, though, tends to increase with age. Symptoms of peptic ulcer disease include a gnawing or burning pain in the abdomen, often occurring

between meals. Nausea, vomiting and loss of appetite are also symptoms, though less common. Sometimes ulcers bleed slowly, causing black or tarry stools. Rapid bleeding can result in red or dark-colored vomit.

Ulcers occur when the stomach's caustic acid starts to eat through the protective mucous lining of the digestive tract. In the majority of cases, this is now known to result, at least in part, from *H. pylori* bacteria.

Debating the cause

For years, peptic ulcer disease was considered a chronic condition that could be relieved but not permanently eliminated. In the early 1900s, stress and diet were thought to cause ulcers, and therapy included bed rest, bland foods and plenty of milk. Surgery for ulcer complications, such as bleeding and obstruc-

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Surviving breast cancer

A record breaking northeaster in late October 1996 disrupted Crystal Lane's phone service just when she needed it the most — to call her doctor's office about a lump she found in her breast.

Two days later, when she finally was able to contact Lahey — Ipswich, she was told to come in right away. Family nurse practitioner Kim Neskey, NP, spent nearly an hour reviewing Lane's medical history and examining her. Thus began the process of determining whether the lump was a cyst, benign tumor, or cancerous tumor. At age 37, and without a strong family history of breast cancer, Lane's chances of breast cancer seemed remote.

Neskey felt something she didn't like. "Mrs. Lane had a large nodule," says Neskey, "and there was no doubt in my mind that she needed to see a specialist right away."

She arranged immediately for Lane to have a mammogram and consultation with surgeon Kevin Hughes, MD, director of the Breast Center at nearby Lahey Clinic Northshore.

Thanks to a breast X-ray technique called mammography, many cases of breast cancer are found at an extremely early stage when

the cure rate is close to 100 percent.

"We strive for early detection, because the earlier you pick up a malignancy, the less chance it has spread to other parts of the body," says Herbert Leventhal, MD, director of Radiation Services at Lahey Clinic Northshore. "With the use of mammography, we may detect breast cancer as much as five years before a lump would be felt."

Routine mammograms are usually recommended every year beginning at age 40.

At Lahey Clinic, a radiologist reads each patient's mammogram during her visit. Most mammograms are negative, but if a problem is found, the patient is told, her primary care doctor is notified, and she has a consultation with a surgeon within 24 hours. "We have developed this 24-hour system to avoid delays in treating breast cancer," says Hughes. "It also shortens the time that a patient and her family have to wait for the results of further testing."

Lane's mammogram revealed a mass about an inch in diameter, which warranted a subsequent core biopsy — removal of tissue from the lump using a needle guided by three-dimensional imaging. Later that same day, Lane met with Hughes, who recommended a follow-up surgical biopsy.

At Lahey Clinic's Breast Cancer Treatment Center in Burlington and Peabody, a team representing many specialties meet together to provide each patient with expert care and information, so she can make informed choices about her treatment. After the initial diagnosis, patients meet with a surgeon, medical oncologist, radiation oncologist, nurse and social worker to discuss options. Patients who will have a mastectomy — removal of the breast — also meet with a plastic surgeon at this time.

"Many people are involved in each patient's care," says Hughes. "We want to make sure that care is coordinated, that we have a cohesive approach."

One week after her first visit, Lane underwent a biopsy. Hughes opted to remove the entire lump for examination by a pathologist; the biopsy, in effect, became a lumpectomy.

"When I came out of anesthesia, Dr. Hughes came in and talked to me," recalls Lane. "He's so gentle. 'Mrs. Lane,' he said, putting his hand on my shoulder, 'it was cancer, and we believe we got it all out.'"

Initially, she only felt numb, but when Lane returned home, she broke down and cried. Her husband, who at first tried to hide his emo-

— The ulcer cure

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tion caused by a build-up of scar tissue blocking the digestive tube, was commonplace. Later, physicians blamed gastric acid alone for ulcers, and antacids and acid-blocking medications became the standard treatment. These medicines, such as Tagamet, Pepcid and Zantac, help heal existing ulcers but do not prevent flare-ups if the ulcer has been caused by *H. pylori*.

The association between *H. pylori* and ulcers was first discovered in 1982 by two Australian physicians, but the medical community was skeptical and hotly debated which came first — the ulcer or the bacteria. In 1994, a consensus report by the National Institutes of Health confirmed the link between *H. pylori* and ulcers and recommended that ulcer patients with the infection be treated with antibiotics. Two years later, the Food and Drug Administration approved the first

antibiotic for ulcer treatment.

Still, many people remain unaware of the true cause of ulcers. In a national survey conducted in 1997, only 27 percent of respondents thought bacteria might be responsible for ulcers, while more than half blamed stress. The majority of ulcer patients continue to take antisecretory medicines, which treat symptoms but do nothing to cure the underlying problem if the ulcer is due to *H. pylori*.

Diagnosis and cure

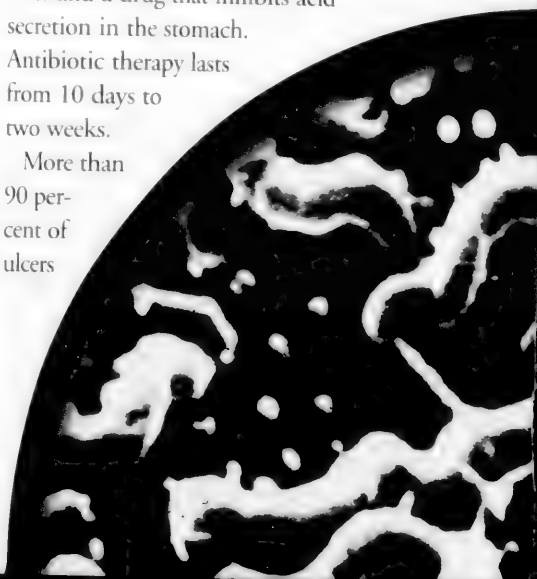
"Most patients with a duodenal ulcer are infected with *H. pylori*," says Ruth Ross McCormack, MD, a physician at Lahey — Arlington. "Testing for the bacteria can be as simple as having routine blood work done."

The presence of an ulcer is usually determined by an X-ray exam, or an endoscopy — which involves inserting a small viewing tube through the mouth into the stomach. If an

endoscopy is performed, samples can be collected and tested for *H. pylori*. Alternatively, the patient can be given a blood test that detects antibodies for *H. pylori*, or a breath test that detects an enzyme found on the bacteria.

Once the ulcer is known to be caused by *H. pylori*, the patient is treated with antibiotics and a drug that inhibits acid secretion in the stomach. Antibiotic therapy lasts from 10 days to two weeks.

More than 90 percent of ulcers



tions, cried as well. Her two children kept their distance, until her five-year-old son finally asked, "Mommy, are you going to die?" and she replied, "No, we're going to beat this thing."

Breast cancer treatment today often allows a woman to preserve her life and her breast. At Lahey Clinic, upwards of 70 percent of women — well above the national average — have lumpectomies, followed by radiation therapy.

"Radiation therapy after lumpectomy offers the same cure or survival rate as a standard mastectomy," says Leventhal. "But it permits the preservation of the breast."

Even in cases where mastectomy is required because of extensive disease, the majority receive immediate reconstruction with either an implant or a TRAM flap, in which tissue is moved up from the abdomen.

Three weeks after her initial lumpectomy, Lane had additional surgery to remove tissue from under her arm to determine if the cancer had spread beyond the breast into the lymph nodes. Luckily, all 13 lymph nodes removed proved to be free of cancer.

As soon as she had recovered sufficiently, Lane returned to her job as a mail carrier in

Essex — just in time for the Christmas rush. She then continued to work throughout the rest of her treatment.

"The main goal of radiation therapy is to destroy any microscopic disease," says Leventhal. "Cancer may recur in 25 to 45 percent of patients not treated with radiation."

Patients usually receive treatment to the entire breast five days a week for five weeks, followed by a "boost" of less penetrating electron beam radiation applied directly to the tumor site.

The newer machines permit the delivery of a uniform radiation dose to the tissues and spare the skin from permanent damage. Side effects are minor to moderate, usually including a reddening or peeling of the skin, as with a bad sunburn.

Recent studies show chemotherapy or hormonal therapy, in addition to mastectomy or lumpectomy and radiation therapy, may prevent recurrence in women who show no signs of cancer in underarm lymph nodes, says Lahey oncologist Paola Rode, MD. In

chemotherapy, a combination of drugs is given intravenously or orally to kill cancer cells. In hormonal therapy, tamoxifen is used to keep cancer cells from absorbing the hormones they need to grow.

Lane received six rounds of chemotherapy once every three weeks. While these drugs are often tolerated well, she experienced nausea and hair loss. But with an increase in the strength of her anti-nausea medicine and a baseball cap to hide her thinning hair, she made it through.

"The Breast Cancer Treatment Center illustrates the value of the multispecialty approach to diagnosis and treatment Lahey Clinic offers," says Hughes. "Each team provides the expertise and experience needed to provide quality comprehensive medical care for each of our patients."

For an appointment with an internist or cancer specialist at Lahey Clinic Medical Center, or for an appointment at the Breast Center or Risk Assessment Clinic at Lahey Clinic Northshore, call 781-744-3250. For the number of a primary care physician at a community practice near you, call 781-744-8733.

Blame it on bacteria

*According to the American Gastroenterological Association, it is not known for certain how the spiral-shaped *H. pylori* bacterium, below, is spread. While *H. pylori* is usually acquired in childhood, it is diagnosed more commonly in the elderly.*

caused by *H. pylori* can be completely cured with antibiotic treatment if the patient completes the full course of therapy. The success of the treatment can be confirmed by an endoscopy, blood test or breath test. The breath test can be performed four weeks after the end of therapy. However, for the blood test to be effective, patients must wait at least six to 12 months to allow the antibody level to decrease.

Curing infections rather than treating symptoms reduces complications. "In most cases," says Ross McCormack, "we can prevent recurrence of ulcers and the complications associated with them, such as bleeding and perforation."

Still, the cure is not for everyone. People who have *H. pylori*, but not ulcers, may not need antibiotics. And people who have ulcers that are caused by something other than *H. pylori* will not be helped by antibiotics. Other

possible causes include overuse of nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) such as aspirin or ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin), and very rarely, stomach cancer and other diseases.

Stress and spicy foods cannot cause an ulcer but can produce similar symptoms. "If you think you have an ulcer, see your doctor," says Richard MacDermott, MD, head of the Section of Gastroenterology at Lahey Clinic Medical Center. "The recent advances in understanding the cause and cure for stomach ulcers are an exciting and important medical achievement."

For an appointment in the Section of Gastroenterology at Lahey Clinic Medical Center, call 781-744-3250. For the telephone number of a community practice near you, call 781-744-8733.

Photo courtesy of the American Digestive Health Foundation

The debate on dietary fat

Despite the fact that Americans have been continually warned to avoid dietary fat to decrease heart disease, accumulating evidence suggests that some unsaturated fats may somehow protect against heart disease. Yet, medical experts warn that adding the so-called "good" fats to the diet contributes to another major health problem — obesity.

Fats and heart disease

Excess dietary fat raises cholesterol levels, and high cholesterol can increase a person's risk of developing heart disease. Cholesterol is transported in the bloodstream by lipoproteins. High levels of low-density lipoprotein (LDL) increases risk. On the other hand, increased levels of high-density lipoprotein (HDL) are good, because HDL removes excess cholesterol from the arteries. One way to lower cholesterol levels is to limit the intake of dietary fat. Currently, the American Heart Association recommends that no more than 30 percent of total calories should come from fat.

However, there is accumulating evidence that some types of fat are better than others and the total number of calories we consume may be more important than what percentage of those calories come from fat. For instance, in Mediterranean countries — where people consume 40 percent of calories from fat — there is a lower incidence of death from heart disease than in the United States. Although a diet rich in whole grains, fruits and vegetables may be contributing factors, part of the theory behind this apparent discrepancy is that, in the Mediterranean, most dietary fat calories come from olive oil, a monounsaturated fat — as opposed to the saturated fat found in meat and dairy products. It is believed that monounsaturated fats lower the level of "bad" LDL cholesterol and raise the level of "good" HDL cholesterol. Furthermore, results of the Nurses Health Study, reported in November 1997, highlighted the varying impact of different types of fat on cardiovascular health.

Types of fat

What we commonly call "fat" is a collection of molecules containing fatty acids, chains of carbon with varying numbers of hydrogen atoms attached. (See "The physics of fat.")

In saturated fatty acids, the molecule is completely "saturated" with hydrogen atoms — that is, hydrogen atoms are attached at every point possible. Saturated fats are generally solid at room temperature and are thought to contribute to heart disease.

The unsaturated fats — monounsaturated fats and polyunsaturated fats — contain less than the maximum number of hydrogen atoms. They are liquid at room temperature and are thought to be less harmful — and possibly beneficial — to your health.

What is emerging as a dietary villain on par

with saturated fats is a type of chemically altered fat called "trans" fat. Trans fats are unsaturated fatty acids that have undergone the process of hydrogenation — that is, hydrogen atoms have been added to fill the missing slots on the carbon chain. For example, food manufacturers hydrogenate liquid vegetable oils to give margarine a solid, spreadable consistency.

The Nurses Health Study: A new reminder

The importance of the type of fat consumed was highlighted by the recent findings of the Nurses Health Study, published in *The New England Journal of Medicine*. The study examined the dietary habits of more than 80,000 nurses and tracked their health over 14 years, looking specifically at which ones went on to

The physics of fat

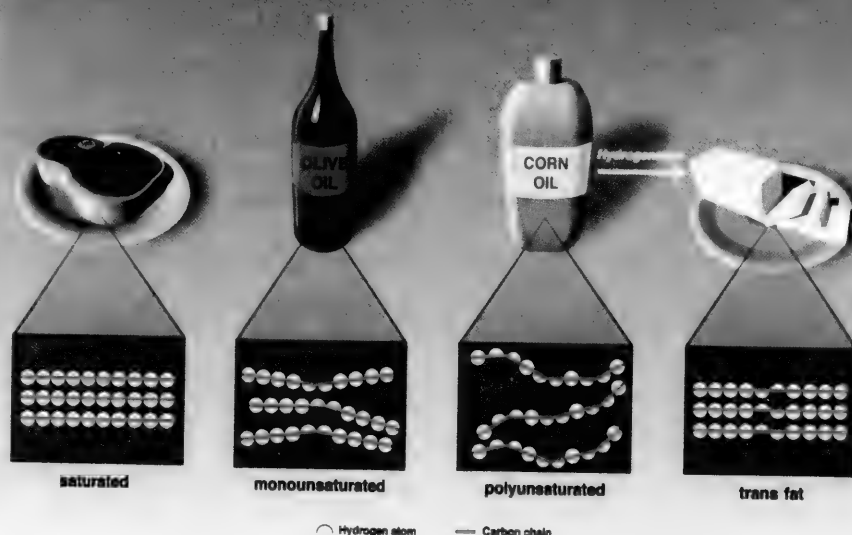
Fatty acids are chains of carbon atoms, with varying numbers of hydrogen atoms. "Saturated" fats are loaded, or saturated, with hydrogen atoms. This causes the molecule to be stiff and straight and allows the molecules to stack neatly and compactly, resulting in a solid. Animal fat is primarily saturated, as are certain "tropical" vegetable oils such as palm kernel and coconut oils.

If two hydrogen atoms are missing, the fat is known as monounsaturated. It bends, won't stack and becomes liquid. Olive, peanut and

canola oil are primarily monounsaturated.

Take away more hydrogen atoms, and the fat is polyunsaturated. These molecules bend in several places making them more liquid. Most vegetable oils and fish oils are primarily polyunsaturated.

A food-industry process called hydrogenation adds hydrogen to an unsaturated fat, such as vegetable oil. The resulting "trans fat" has straight molecules that stack into a semi-solid, making it spreadable like margarine.



What is hemochromatosis and what causes it? How is it diagnosed and treated?

Hemochromatosis affects more than 1.5 million Americans. It is characterized by an excess of iron in the body. Iron overload is often due to a hereditary condition especially common in people of northern European ancestry, but may develop as a result of blood diseases or conditions that require frequent blood transfusions. It is not a result of diet, although consuming excessive amounts of iron-rich foods may aggravate the disorder.

"Excess iron accumulates because the body does not have an efficient way to excrete it," says David Steinberg, MD, head of the Section of Hematology at Lahey Clinic Medical Center. "When iron accumulates in the body, it can damage joints and vital

organs such as the heart, liver or pancreas." Signs of this damage sometimes lead to a diagnosis of hemochromatosis.

People with hemochromatosis may develop diabetes, cirrhosis of the liver, liver cancer, arthritis or congestive heart failure. In some patients, the skin takes on a bronze color.

Iron accumulation develops gradually over a number of years and does not show up on routine blood tests. If hemochromatosis is suspected, specific screening tests are done. In some cases, a liver biopsy may be performed to confirm the diagnosis. For patients with a family history of the disease, a new genetic test is now available.

"Although hemochromatosis can be fatal if untreated," says Steinberg, "it can be man-

ageable if diagnosed and treated at an early stage. Therefore, it's important for other family members to be checked for the disease."

The treatment for inherited hemochromatosis is fairly simple; once diagnosed, the patient gives blood on a scheduled basis — as often as twice a week — until excess body iron is depleted. Then, the patient gives three or four pints of blood on a yearly basis to prevent reaccumulation of iron. Treatment can prevent or reverse damage to some organs and tissues, according to Steinberg.

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suffer heart attacks. Those who ate the most saturated or trans fats had the greatest risk of a heart attack, but the total consumption of fat appeared to make little difference, as long as the fat was unsaturated. The researchers suggest that replacing saturated and trans fats with unhydrogenated monounsaturated or polyunsaturated fats is more effective in preventing coronary heart disease than curbing overall fat intake.

Nicholas Tsapatsaris, MD, associate head of Cardiovascular Medicine at Lahey Clinic Medical Center disagrees. "In the United States, a large percentage of the population is obese, and many have multiple risk factors for coronary disease," says Tsapatsaris. "The weight of the evidence still says the less fat, the better, regardless of type."

Take-home messages

Despite all the hoopla, health experts maintain that the basic dietary recommendations are the same as they've been for years:

Eat fewer calories: Whether it comes from fat, carbohydrate or protein, a calorie is a calorie and excess calories can cause weight gain. One piece of fall-out from the "low-fat" explosion has been the tendency for people to eat too many low-fat products that are loaded with sugar — and calories. "In many of these fat-free products, such as fat-free cookies and fat-free cakes, the fat is reduced, but the sugar is greatly increased. And pure sugar is not healthy, nor is it low-calorie," says Diane Bleday, MS, RD, a nutritionist at Lahey Clinic Medical Center.

Eat less fat: Fat, whether saturated, monounsaturated, polyunsaturated, or trans fat, has nine calories per gram — more than twice the calories per gram of carbohydrate or protein. Good sources of carbohydrate are whole grain breads and pasta, rice, bulgar and potatoes. Low- or no-fat sources of protein include beans and legumes, such as lentils.

Eat less saturated fat: What is unequivocal in dietary studies is that saturated fat is bad news. Not only is it a concentrated source of calories, but saturated fat appears to raise total cholesterol and LDL levels.

Eat less trans fat: Trans fats don't appear on nutrition labels, but they are listed as "partially hydrogenated" oils. One way to avoid trans fats is to prepare more food at home and not rely on processed food. Specifically, trans fats are found in margarines, high-fat baked products and foods fried in shortening. Fortunately, the food industry has begun to respond to the findings about trans fats by developing foods free of them.

Eat more fruits and vegetables: "We should pay more attention to what we should eat," says Bleday. "And one of the things nutritionists have been espousing for a long time is more fruits and vegetables; what that tends to do is crowd the bad things off the plate."

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— Skin cancer: stemming the tide

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bump bleeds, forms a scab, bleeds again, and so on, without ever completely healing.

Though basal cell carcinoma grows very slowly and rarely spreads to other parts of the body, that doesn't mean it's harmless; it can grow below the skin, along nerves and into tissue that surrounds bone causing considerable disfigurement. Doctors diagnose basal cell carcinoma by examining it and taking a biopsy, or tissue sample, for analysis.

Actinic keratoses and squamous cell carcinoma

Actinic keratoses, also known as "solar keratoses," are not themselves cancerous, but may evolve into a type of cancer called squamous cell carcinoma. Actinic keratoses typically appear as flat, "sandpaper-like" growths on sun-damaged skin, ranging in color from flesh tone to reddish brown. Actinic keratoses may be treated with cryotherapy or topical medication.

In squamous cell carcinoma, the second most common skin cancer in Caucasians, epidermal cells become malignant. Squamous cell carcinoma typically occurs in areas subjected to the greatest exposure to sunlight, such as on the rim of the ear, the face, the lips, or the mouth. It generally appears as red, scaly patches that grow steadily. If squamous cell carcinoma is allowed to grow and spread to other parts of the body, it can be life-threatening. However, if it is caught early, treatment is usually effective.

As with other forms of skin cancer, a biopsy of the suspected tumor is taken and examined.

Treatment options for basal and squamous cell carcinoma

Once diagnosed, basal cell and squamous cell carcinomas may be treated in a number of different ways, depending on the size of the lesion, the histologic subtype (how the cells look under a microscope), and where it is located. It may be treated by conventional surgery (removing it with a scalpel and

stitching the gap closed), electrodesiccation and curettage (burning and scraping), cryosurgery (freezing with liquid nitrogen), or radiation therapy.

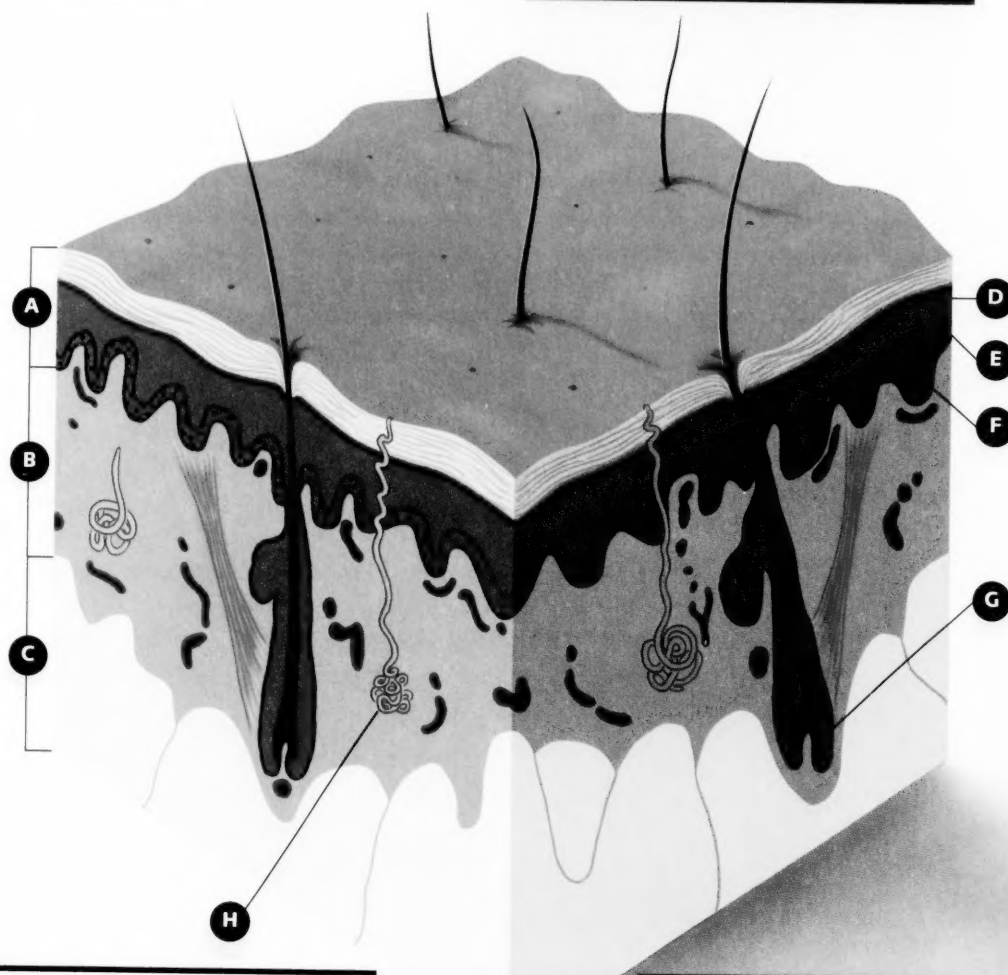
Some difficult cases of skin cancer, cancers that are recurrent, or those in cosmetically sensitive sites with little surrounding skin (such as the upper lip, nose, eyelids or ears), can be treated with a unique type of surgery called Mohs' micrographic surgery. Performed on an outpatient basis, the surgeon removes a thin horizontal disk of tissue judged to be the smallest amount that could possibly cure the tumor. This tissue is then examined under a microscope. If evidence of tumor cells is found at the edges of the sample, the doctor will remove and examine another thin layer. These steps will be repeated until no cancer cells can be detected.

"Most tumors treated this way need an average of two to three stages," Olbright says. "It's a tedious process, but it has a very high cure rate and allows us to remove only tissue the tumor has already invaded, sacrificing little of the surrounding healthy skin."

When to be concerned about moles

The American Cancer Society and the American Academy of Dermatology have developed the ABCD rule to describe warning signs of a dangerous mole:

- **Asymmetry:** One half of the mole does not match the other.
- **Border:** The edges of the mole are irregular — ragged, notched or blurred.
- **Color:** The color is not uniform, but may be differing shades of tan, brown or black, sometimes with patches of red, white or blue.
- **Diameter:** The mole is larger than a pencil eraser — about six millimeters or a quarter of an inch — or increasing in size.



Malignant melanoma

Malignant melanoma is the most deadly type of skin cancer. It is estimated that 32,000 Americans develop malignant melanoma each year, and an estimated 6,800 Americans die from it. People at high risk for melanomas include those with a family history of melanomas, people who have had previous melanomas, and those who have forty or more moles with some that are abnormal in appearance. (See "When to be concerned about moles.") African-Americans and Asian-Americans are also at particular risk for melanomas on the palms of their hands and the soles of their feet. Fortunately, melanoma is almost always curable in its early stages.

Malignant melanoma begins in the melanocytes, cells that produce melanin, the skin's pigment. Melanomas usually begin in an existing mole or dark spot. Early changes that may indicate development of melanoma include a change in color or arrangement, or a new bump within the older lesion. Because malignant melanoma is most treatable when caught early, it is important to keep tabs on any suspicious moles.

Surgeons remove melanomas by cutting them out, usually making wide incisions around them, and removing any nearby lymph glands that may be affected. "If it's a lesion that's caught early and is thin, cure rates are 99 percent," Olbricht explains. "For lesions that are very thick and are caught late, the cure rate may be 50 percent."

Anatomy of skin

- A** Epidermis
- B** Dermis
- C** Hypodermis
- D** Squamous cell
- E** Basal cell
- F** Melanocyte
- G** Hair follicle
- H** Sweat gland

Don't expose yourself

The most important way to reduce your risk of developing skin cancer is to limit your exposure to the sun.

- Avoid sun exposure during midday. For Northern states, this may mean 11 am to 2 pm, and in the Southern states, it may mean 10 am to 3 pm.
- Wear a wide-brimmed hat, long-sleeved shirt and long pants when outdoors. A T-shirt has a sun protection factor (SPF) of only five, which shrinks to two when it is wet from sweating or swimming.
- Wear sunscreen. Anything with an SPF of 15 or greater that's water repellent is acceptable. People who are boating and are exposed to sunlight reflecting off the water may want to wear zinc oxide sunblock on their nose and ears — common sites of skin cancer.
- Be especially cautious with children. Much of the damage leading to skin cancer occurs before the age of 12, so this is a crucial time to protect the skin.

According to Bridget Hanson, MD, pediatrician at Lahey Clinic Medical Center, "It's best to avoid using sunblock on infants younger than six months; they should be kept out of direct sunlight. Children six months and older need a sunscreen with an SPF between 15 and 30 any time they're outside for more than 40 minutes."

Hanson also recommends that children who are very fair-skinned stay out of the sun in the middle of the day and wear a hat when they do go out.

Free skin cancer screenings will be held Saturday, May 30, 8 am to noon at Lahey Clinic Medical Center. Call 781-744-8979 for an appointment.

Suzanne Olbricht, MD, chair of Dermatology at Lahey Clinic, will present "Melanoma Monday: Skin Cancer Update" on May 4 at 7 pm in the Alumni Auditorium at Lahey Clinic Medical Center in Burlington. To register, please call the Community Hotline at 781-744-3414.

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Balancing act: Reducing the risk of falls

Approximately 25 percent of people 65 and older fall at least once a year. For those aged 75 and older, the incidence of falls rises to 30 percent. "Falls are the sixth leading cause of death," says Robert Schreiber, MD, general internist who specializes in geriatric medicine at Lahey Clinic Medical Center. "Not only do people suffer fractures, head trauma and joint dislocations, if the person is unable to get up or get help, dehydration and complications such as pneumonia can result."

According to Maria Murphy, PT, senior neurologic physical therapist at Lahey Clinic Medical Center, many factors increase the risk for falls in the elderly. "Once we know a patient has fallen, or has problems with balance, we look at the whole person to determine their needs," says Murphy. "This may include adjusting medication, checking their home for hazards, arranging for food deliveries, meal planning, and developing an exercise program to increase strength and balance. We have a multidisciplinary team that includes the patient's physician, a physical therapist, occupational therapist, pharmacist, nurse, nutritionist, social worker and psychiatrist."

Schreiber emphasizes that falls are a major health issue for the elderly. "As fear of falling increases," he says, "there may be limits placed on physical and social activities. The fear alone can cause increased disability and dependence."

Home safety tips

- Install adequate lighting in halls, bathrooms and stairwells.
- Remove clutter and throw rugs.
- Use nonskid bath mats or adhesive strips in showers and bathtubs.
- Install a shower/tub seat and grab bars if needed.
- Consider a Lifeline button.

For more information on the Fall Risk Reduction Program at Lahey Clinic Medical Center, call 781-744-8645.

How does one find relief from tinnitus? Are there any specific foods or activities to avoid?

Tinnitus, a Latin word that means "ring like a bell," describes a condition that causes people to hear sounds that are not actually present. It is estimated that 50 million American adults experience some degree of tinnitus, although for most it is only a nuisance. Twelve million people, however, seek medical help for severe symptoms that include loss of concentration, sleep and balance problems and psychological distress.

Possible causes of tinnitus include excessive ear wax, infections, tumors, disorders of the neck or jaw, allergies, an underactive thyroid or cardiovascular disease. "One of the most common causes is exposure to excessively loud sounds," says Judith White, MD, PhD, an otolaryngologist at Lahey Clinic Medical Center.

"In that case, tinnitus is often found in association with hearing loss. Tinnitus itself does not cause loss of hearing, nor does developing tinnitus mean you are going deaf."

To help lessen symptoms, patients should eliminate aspirin (with the approval of their primary care physician), cut back on smoking, and limit consumption of alcohol and caffeine. In addition, some prescription drugs can make tinnitus worse. "Always inform your physician if you have tinnitus and discuss the best options for medication," says White. "It is also important to avoid loud noises and to protect ears with ear plugs or factory-style ear muffs when using power tools, snow blowers, vacuum cleaners, guns, and other noisy equipment. Biofeedback and other stress reduction techniques may also help."

Several forms of treatment currently available include the use of hearing aids, which can reduce or eliminate some forms of tinnitus, and external maskers — devices which look like hearing aids but create a noise which "masks" the internal sounds.

"People experiencing noise or ringing in the ears should see a physician who specializes in the treatment of ear or head and neck disorders to rule out more serious conditions, such as a tumor or heart disease," says White.

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